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DAVIES—In fond and loving memory of David Davies, died on active service, Basra, on January 1st, 1918. Inserted by his loving wife and children, 9 Brennan's Parade, Bray.

BIRTH.

BOYLAN—December 30, 1931, at Hilltown, Glenageary Road, Eden, Eileen, wife of Captain E. T. Boylan, A.A.C., a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

REEVES-PHILLIPS—December 23, 1931, at St. Andrew's, Westland Row, by Rev. Fr. Hubert, O.F.M., assisted by Rev. Dr. Hickey, Adm., Dr. James Anthony Liddy, cousin of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Liddy, Limerick, and only daughter of the late Daniel Reeves, Esq., Cork, and the late Mrs. Reeves, Aliesbury road, Dublin, to Arthur Phillips, Ballsbridge, Dublin.

STAFFORD and PHILLIPS—December 23, 1931, at Rathmichael Church, Ballycumber, John Fletcher Stafford, third son of the late Mr. Telford and Mrs. Stafford, Raheen, Clara, to Susan Amelia (Cherry), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, Castle-rahan, Ballycumber, King's County. Canadian papers please copy.

DEATHS.

BAYLOR—December 30, 1931, at his residence, Waterford, unexpectedly, George Baylor (Willie), late of Fermoy, aged 59 years. Funeral arrangements later.

BONEY—December 30, 1931, at San Tafe Hospital, Los Angeles, John J., eldest son of the late Edward and Abigail Looney, Carysfort avenue, Blackrock, County Dublin. Deeply regretted by his brothers-in-law, and a large circle of friends. (By cable.)

BOYCE—December 30, 1931, at Prumplestown, Clondermott, County Kildare, George Herbert, beloved son of Samuel C. and Hannah Cope, aged 15½ years. Funeral at 2 o'clock to-day (Friday) to Castledermott.

BRENNAN—December 29, 1931, at 16 Westcliffe Park, Birkdale, Southport, Colonel James Crean, D.S.O., V.D. Funeral to-morrow (Saturday), 2nd inst., 1932.

BYRNE—December 31, 1931, at his residence, Glenmore, Queenstown, George, younger son of the late John Good, Ballyvoige, Bandon. "To be with Christ which is far better." Funeral private.

CHOLMES—December 28, 1931, suddenly, of pneumonia, at Colchester Military Hospital, Ruth Cholmes, Q.A.I.M.N.S., beloved fourth daughter of Sir George Holmes, County Inspector, R.I.C., and Mrs. Holmes, Arona, Boxmoor, Herts. Service at Colchester Military Hospital at 10.45 a.m. to-day (Friday), January 1st, 1932. Funeral, Boxmoor Cemetery, at 2.30 p.m.

DUGGAN—December 30, 1931, at his residence, Villa, Edgeworthstown, Andrew Logan, aged 75 years. Deeply regretted. "Peace, perfect peace."

FARRIS—December 30, 1931, at her residence, Glenagan, Jane, daughter of the late Thomas Farris, Ballymore, at an advanced age. Funeral to Ballyregan for Ferns to-day (Friday), 1st January, 1932, at 1 o'clock p.m.

FOXHAM—December 31, 1931, at her sister's residence, Ardagh House, Rivenstown, County Sligo, Grace, widow of the late William Moxham, Rathdown, Aliesbury road, Dublin. Funeral (private) to Dean's Grange Cemetery, Dublin, to-morrow (Saturday).

GAFFNEY—DON—December 31, 1931, at Granite Dene, Donaghadee, Ellen, Madam O'Connor, wife of the late Right Honble. Charles Owen O'Conor of Belanagare. At her special request, funeral private from St. Patrick's, Castlerea, County Roscommon, to-morrow (Saturday), 2nd January, 1932. No flowers.

GAFFNEY—O'CONNOR—December 29, 1931, at 4 Dulwich Park, Dublin, the Right Honourable Charles Owen O'Conor. Mass at Catholic Church, Lordship Park, East Dulwich, to-morrow (Saturday), January 2nd, at 10 a.m. Funeral immediately afterwards to Putney Cemetery, Hither Green. Interment at 2 p.m. No flowers and no mourning, by special request.

GLEESON—LAND—December 31, 1931, at Baggot Street Hospital, after a short illness, Emily, wife of Richard Bannagher, Dublin. Deeply regretted by her friends and relatives. Remains to Boyle, by rail, for (Friday). Funeral to-morrow (Saturday).

GRIFFIN—DALL—On Saturday, December 26, 1931, at Tedall, widow of William Samuel Newburgh Griffin, of Donemark House, Bantry, aged 93 years.

HARNEY—At her residence, Templenoe Glebe, Kenmare, Lillie, widow of the late Thomas Toomey. Deeply regretted by her children and relations. Remains were removed to R.C. Church, Tipperary, on Friday (Thursday) evening. Funeral to-day (Friday) to Kilfeakle Cemetery.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for this Column will be found on Page 6.

IN MEMORIAM.

BOYLAN—In loving memory of my dear son, Walworth, who died on January 1st, 1931. Sadly missed.

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CARNEY—In sad and loving memory of my dear wife, Jane, who passed away, suddenly, at Drogheda, County Carlow, on January 1st, 1930. "Rest in peace, perfect peace."

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McDOWELL—In sweetest memory of darling Nellie, only daughter of William H. and Margaret McDowell, called Home on New Year's Day, 1931. Dearly loved, sadly missed. "Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

MERRY—In loving memory of my dear friend, Captain John Merry, 23 Grosvenor road, Rathgar, who died on January 1st, 1927. On whose soul Sweet Jesus, have mercy. Inserted by his loving wife and family.

OWENS—In affectionate remembrance of George Owens, who entered into rest on January 1st, 1931. Inserted by his sorrowing widow and family.

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NOTICE OF CHARITABLE BEQUESTS.
In the Goods of
FRANCIS EDWARD HATCHER-WEETMAN, late Westmead, Brimpton, in the County of Berks, Gentleman; Deceased, who died on the 19th March, 1931.
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Statute 30 and 31 Vic., Cap. 54, S.19, that the above-named Deceased, duly executed his last Will and Testament, dated the 15th day of May, 1926, and executed two Codicils thereto dated respectively the 7th March, 1927, and 13th March, 1929. By his said Will and Codicils, the Testator appointed the Public Trustee Executor and Trustee thereof. The Testator thereby bequeathed:
£250 to the Superior for the time being at the date of Testator's death of the Monastery known as Mount McGeary, Cappoquin, Co. Waterford, for the celebration of four Masses per month for the Repose of the Testator's Soul, by priests of the Trappist Order, in any part of the world, the honorarium for each Mass to be 5/-.
£250 to the Superior for the time being at the date of Testator's death of the Monastery known as Mount Saint Joseph, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary, for the celebration of four Masses per month for the Repose of the Testator's Soul, by priests of the Cistercian Order, in any part of the world, the honorarium for each Mass to be 5/-.
The Testator bequeathed his residuary estate, real and personal, unto his Trustee, upon trust, to pay his debts, funeral and testamentary expenses, and to stand possessed of the residuary estate upon trust, to pay the income thereof to Walter Ernest Hatcher-Weetman for life, and subject to the aforesaid life interest, and to take effect upon the death of the said Walter Edward Hatcher-Weetman, Testator upon trust as follows:
£2,000 to the Superioress for the time being of Saint Mary Magdalene's Home, Donnybrook, Ireland, upon trust, to invest the same in Trustee securities, and apply the income for the poor in the City of Dublin;
£2,000 to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Dublin, upon trust, to invest the same in Trustee securities, and to apply the income in relieving necessitous cases amongst the poor in the City of Dublin;
£2,000 to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Down and Connor, St. Mary's Hall, Belfast, upon trust, to invest the same in Trustee securities, and to apply the income in relieving necessitous cases amongst the poor within the district in which this branch of the Society works, and particularly within the City of Belfast.
And Probate of the said Will and two Codicils was, on the 20th June, 1931, granted forth of the Principal Probate Registry of the High Court of Justice in England, to the Public Trustee, which said Probate was on the 27th October, 1931, re-sealed in the Principal Probate Registry of the High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland.
Dated the 30th day of December, 1931.
FEW and CO., Solicitors, 19 Surrey street, Strand, London
To the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests in Northern Ireland, and to all persons concerned.

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
In the Goods of
REV EDMOND (orse EDMUND) O'SULLIVAN, late of the Presbytery, Balbriggan, in the County of Dublin, Catholic Clergyman, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Statutes 22 and 23 Vic., Cap. 35, that all persons having any claim or demand against the estate of the said deceased, who died on the 9th day of October, 1931, are hereby required, on or before the 30th day of January, 1932, to furnish (in writing) full particulars of such claims or demands to the undersigned Solicitors for the Administrator, to whom Letters of Administration W/A of the said Deceased were granted forth of the Principal Probate Registry of the High Court of Justice, Saorstat Eireann, on the 2nd day of December, 1931.
And Notice is hereby further given that after the said 30th day of January, 1932, the said Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims and demands of which notice and particulars have been given.
Dated this 30th day of December, 1931.
J. H. WALSH and CO., Solicitors for Administrator, 1 Lower Ormond quay, Dublin.

WILLIAM LILLIS, of 57 St. Paul street, Dublin, Pig Dealer, Deceased.
Take Notice that all persons having any claims against the estate of the above-named Deceased are required to send particulars thereof, in writing, to the undersigned Solicitors for the Executrix of the will of the said Deceased on or before 1st February, 1932, after which date the Executrix will proceed to distribute the said estate, having regard only to such claims as shall have been furnished as aforesaid.
Dated 29th December, 1931.
CHAS. J. REDDY and SON, Solicitors, 14 Westland Row, Dublin.

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
JAMES RIORDAN, late of Glenville, Dundrum, Co. Dublin, Solicitor (retired), Deceased.
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to 22 and 23 Vic., Cap. 35, that all persons claiming to be creditors, or otherwise to have any claim or demand against the assets of the said James Riordan—who died on the 26th day of August, 1931—are hereby required on or before the 31st day of January, 1932, to furnish (in writing) the particulars of such claims or demands to the undersigned sole acting Executor of said Deceased, to whom Probate of the will, with six codicils, of the Deceased was granted on the 21st day of October, 1931, forth of the Principal Probate Registry of the High Court of Justice, Saorstat Eireann.
And take further notice that after the said 31st day of January, 1932, the said Executor will distribute the assets of said Deceased amongst the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims and demands particulars of which shall have been given as above required.
Dated 31st day of December, 1931.
CHARLES O'BRIEN, Solicitor, 54 Dawson street, Dublin.

TAKE Notice that the Public Trustee, 107 Elizabeth street, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, is the Administrator of the estate of Frances Jane Burgess, late of 9 Synge street, Dublin, who died on the 5th February, 1931, and all persons having claims against her estate are requested to furnish full particulars thereof to the Public Trustee within two months after the publication of this notice.

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FUNERAL OF MR. JOHN S. JOYCE.

The funeral of Mr. John Stanislaus Joyce took place to Glasnevin Cemetery, Dublin, yesterday after 10 o'clock Mass in St. Columba's Church, Iona road.

Mr. Joyce, who, at the age of 82 years, died in a Dublin hospital last Tuesday, after a short illness, was the father of Mr. James A. Joyce, poet, novelist and author of "Ulysses," "Dubliners," and other works.

A large wreath in ivy was sent from his son, Mr. James A Joyce, "with sorrow and love," and other wreaths were from Mr. James A. Joyce's wife and members of his family.

Among those present at the Mass and at the graveside were:—Mrs. Schaurek, Mrs. Monaghan, Eva and Florrie Joyce (daughters), Patrizio Schaurek (grandson), V. J. Murray, G. J. Murray, E. J. McNestry, Michael Healy, and Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Curran.

The Rev. Father Hobbins officiated at the graveside.

The annual mortality in England and Wales last week averaged 12.8 per thousand.

SERVICES AND ANTHEMS.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL. — Circumcision. Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel at 8 and 11 a.m. Matins at 10 a.m. Psalms, 92, 121. Jubilate, 44. Litany. Hymn, 551. Evening Service at 4 o'clock. Unaccompanied Service. Psalms, 81, 90. Magnificat, Nunc Dimittis, Whitfeld in E. "Good Christian men, rejoice," Carol. No. VII.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.—Circumcision. Morning Prayer at 11 o'clock. Gray in D. Anthem, "Blessed is He" Stanford. Preacher, The Dean. Holy Communion, Somervell in F. Hymn, 93. Evening Prayer at 5 o'clock. Stainer in A. Anthem, "Blessed is He." Kitson.

ST. MATTHIAS' PARISH CHURCH. — Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at 11.30 o'clock.

ST. ANN'S CHURCH.—Holy Communion at 8 and 11.30 a.m. Morning Prayer at 10 o'clock.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.—Holy Communion at 8 a.m. Matins, Holy Communion, and sermon at 11.30. The Rev. Canon Ouiton. Evensong at 5.30 o'clock.

CHRIST CHURCH, LEESON PARK.—Holy Communion at 8 a.m. Morning Prayer at 11.30. The Rev. G. A. Lowe.

ST. COLUMBA'S CHURCH, RANELAGH.—Holy Communion at 8 a.m.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH. — Matins at 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion at 8 a.m. Litany and Holy Communion at 11 a.m. Choral Evensong at 5.30 o'clock.

DRUMCONDRA CHURCH.—Holy Communion at 11.15 a.m.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, RATHMINES.—Holy Communion at 8 and 11.30 a.m.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.—Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at 11.30 o'clock. The Rev. R. Shrubridge.

ST. MARY'S PARISH CHURCH. — Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at 11 o'clock. The Rev. Gage Dougherty.

ST. WERBURGH'S CHURCH.—Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at 11.15 o'clock.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH.—Holy Communion at 8 a.m. Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at 11.30 o'clock. The Rev. W. P. Webb.

ST. KEVIN'S CHURCH. — Holy Communion at 11.30 a.m. The Rev. J. Bird, M.A.

ST. JUDE'S CHURCH, KILMAINHAM. — Holy Communion at 11.30 a.m.

THE ST. MARY'S ORPHAN HOUSE, NORTH CIRCULAR ROAD.—Holy Communion at 11.30 a.m.

ST. JAMES'S PARISH CHURCH. — Holy Communion at 11.30 a.m.

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH CHURCH.—Holy Communion at 8 and 10.30 a.m.

ST. MICHAN'S CHURCH.—Holy Communion at 11.30 a.m.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH. — Holy Communion at 11.30 a.m.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, GRANGEGORMAN.—Holy Communion at 7.30 and 11 a.m. Evensong at 6.30 o'clock.

HAROLD'S CROSS PARISH CHURCH. — Holy Communion at 8 and 11.30 a.m.

CHRIST CHURCH, BLACKROCK. — Holy Communion at 11.30 a.m.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GLENAGEARY. — Holy Communion at 11.30 a.m.

MONKSTOWN PARISH CHURCH.—Holy Communion at 8 a.m. Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at 11.30 o'clock.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, RAHENY.—Litany and Holy Communion at 11.30 a.m. Short Evening Service at 7.30 o'clock.

RATHFARNHAM CHURCH. — Holy Communion at 8 a.m. Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at 11.30 o'clock.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, CRUMLIN. — Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at 11.30 o'clock.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, IRISHTOWN.—Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at 11.30 o'clock. The Rev. R. E. Wells.

ZION CHURCH, RATHGAR.—Holy Communion at 8 and 11.30 a.m.

DALKEY PARISH CHURCH.—Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at 11.30 o'clock. The Rev. C. S. Collins.

SANDFORD CHURCH. — Holy Communion at 11.30 a.m.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, KILLINEY.—Holy Communion at 8 a.m. Matins and Holy Communion at 11.30 a.m.

Eyes that sparkle, eyes that shine
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MOTOR NOTES AND NEWS.

The Improvements in the 1931 Models : Some Things that have been Accomplished : A Present-Day Problem : The Elimination of Noise and Vibration.

ONE of the biggest problems on which motor car designers and engineers are engaged to-day is the getting rid of sound, heat and vibration from the modern car, and the lines on which they are proceeding to attain that very much-desired object is, no doubt, of more than passing interest to the readers of these notes.

Not so many years ago a deflection of anything up to three inches in the chassis frame of a motor car was not considered to be excessive. The meaning of that is that when the bare frame of a chassis was laid flat on the ground, and leverage applied at one end to raise it, if it gave or bent to the extent of three inches it was accepted as a good engineering job. To-day opinions have altogether changed, and it is now an established maxim that to eliminate vibration and body noises stiffness of both the chassis and body frames are essential factors in construction.

CHANGE IN ENGINE MOUNTING.

A few years ago nearly all engines were mounted on the frame with a three-point suspension to render them impervious to the bending of the frame when travelling over bad and uneven surfaces. The modern engine is supported on the frame at four points, this arrangement acting as a transverse cross-member, which gives stiffness and rigidity to the frame. When the three-inch deflection was acceptable, a frame would have generally about five cross-members; to-day the number has been nearly doubled, many cars being fitted with as many as nine cross-members, while in other cars the same result—stiffness of frame—is accomplished by the introduction of heavy gusset plates, that tie the side-members together. At the same time the body frame is being attended to, and everything possible is being done to increase its stiffness, the all-steel body of welded one-piece design being an instance of the progress made in this particular section of the car.

The great end in view is to combine these two rigid units—the chassis frame and the body—so that they will mutually strengthen each other, and, acting as one harmonious whole, they will prevent all manner of wearing and bending that cause doors to loosen on their hinges, and create those annoying body rattles, drumming, and chassis squeaks. To obtain silent motoring the laws of sound and heat are being brought to the aid of the designers, and even the principles recently learned from the study of radio are being utilised to reduce and prevent car noises.

THE PART RUBBER IS PLAYING.

Rubber is playing a very important part in the attempts being made to produce a silent-running and vibrationless car. Quite recently a car exhibited in various centres of the U.S.A. had no less than fifty parts where rubber displaces metal to secure the elimination of noise. The shackles are rubber, the engine is mounted on rubber blocks, rubber is used in the clutch to absorb the driving shocks, and there is even a rubber device for damping out the vibration of the engine. This particular invention is fixed to the crank shaft, and the rubber is of such a period that the vibrations of the crank shaft cause counter-vibrations in the rubber vibration damper, which prevent the engine vibrations from increasing to a point where they become an annoyance to the driver and occupants of the car.

Many manufacturers now realise that a great deal of the noise heard in the body is the result of the "power roar," as the sound caused by the air rushing into the carburetter intake is called, and have produced and fitted intake mufflers, combined with the air cleaner. This device has proved of considerable value, and its success will ensure that all cars will be so fitted before very long.

INSULATION.

During the year the insulation of bodies against heat, cold and sound has made very marked progress. This advance has been obtained by the use of rubber, asbestos, felt and jute. It is used to insulate the front compartment from the engine, and the result is that not only does it make the cars quieter, but it cuts out heat, cold and engine fumes.

STREAMLINE FASHION.

The year 1931 will stand out as the period when scientifically streamlined coachwork was introduced. Like every innovation and mechanical improvement in the initial stage, streamlining has been ridiculed and doubted, but this new and sensible type of coachwork has now been definitely and firmly established. The angle type radiator has come back again. Introduced first before the war and abandoned some ten years ago, its advantages are now rightly appreciated. Wind screens are being placed at an angle, and the rear portions of bodies are being rounded off to prevent eddy. Then, the front valance, a perpendicular apron which increases the frontal area and prevents the access of cold air to the oil sump, is replaced by a more scientific horizontal covering of the front dumb irons, while the contour of the modern radiator resembles a snow plough.

INFLUENCE OF THE BLUEBIRD.

Thus the example set by the Golden Arrow and Blue Bird is fast becoming the fashion. To-day nobody can be called a road hog if he chooses to cruise along the open country roads at forty, or even fifty, miles an hour. With the considerably reduced wind resistance which results from stream-lining petrol bills will be reduced for such cruising speeds, and anything up to fifteen valuable horse-power saved.

STARTING FROM COLD.

There are many mornings in the months of January and February where motorists find difficulty in starting their car engines, and, if the following procedure be adopted, many a back-ache and running down of batteries will be avoided. During cold weather, when putting up the car for the night or for any lengthy period, if a heavy rug or coat is thrown over the radiator and bonnet, it will prevent the glueing up of the oil in the cylinders and so reduce the strain on the starter. Prior to starting up the engine switch should be cut out and the engine swung over half a dozen times with the starting handle. The carburetter is then flooded, the throttle choked and the clutch depressed, and a touch of the self-starter will be found sufficient to get the engine going.

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DUBLIN DISTRICT COURT.

R.I.C. PENSIONER HUSBAND TO PAY.

N.S.P.C.C. PROSECUTION.

(BEFORE MR. LITTLE.)

Owen McGonigal, a Royal Irish Constabulary pensioner, was charged with having deserted his wife and neglected his six children in a house in Cuffe street, Dublin, while he went to his people at Clonmany, County Donegal, where he was arrested. The prosecution was instituted by Inspector Johns, of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

Mrs. McGonigal said that her husband's people could not afford to support her and her children. The farm seemed to be a lot of rocks. She had to report him to the police for assaulting her. She first met him when he was in the police at Croghan, County Roscommon, when she lived with her father, who had a farm and shop business. When he resigned in 1919 her father bought a farm for him, but as the farm was not put in his name he left the place. Her father stocked the farm, and asked her husband to mind it, but he was afraid of getting tired, and he went to Dublin and she had to go with him.

In answer to Mr. Early (for the defendant), she said that her people were wealthy, and that her brother would fall in for £10,000 or £12,000 under the will of her aunt.

Did your brother state that if you left your husband he would set you up in business? I have a letter in which my brother states that he would not support McGonigal and his wife any longer.

Inspector Johns said that he had the family under observation for some time, and they were going on fairly well while the husband had a job at the Four Courts. When he lost that job the wife received home relief of £1 a week. On one occasion the husband returned to the home with a lady's wristlet watch in his pocket. He refused to tell his wife where he got it. She got excited and he left the house.

Mr. Little said that the defendant's pension was £6 3s. 6d. a month, and he made an order that Mrs. McGonigal be paid 17s. 6d. a week, and the defendant would be bound over to be of good behaviour.

PRISON FOR SHOPLIFTING.

Gretta Quinn (40), of no fixed abode, who had been under remand since the 22nd December, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment for having stolen a woman's coat, value £5 5s., from the shop of Messrs. Tarlo, Talbot street, on December 21st.

Her excuse was that she was drunk at the time and did not know what she was doing.

Mr. Little said that there had been a previous conviction for a similar offence against her.

RE-HEARING OF WHISKEY CASE.

In the case of Edward O'Shaughnessey, of Holles street, who was fined £40 on the previous day for having sold to an inspector under the Food and Drugs Act half-pint of whiskey which, according to the analysis, contained a small excessive proportion of water,

Mr. T. J. Greene, solicitor, told the Justice that he had arranged with Mr. Burke, solicitor for the Corporation, that the case should be taken on January 6th and not on December 30th. By some mistake the case came up on Wednesday in the absence of the defendant and his solicitor. Mr. Bonass, who was then prosecuting for the Corporation, evidently was not aware of the arrangement for the adjournment. Mr. Greene now asked that, under the circumstances, the case be entered for re-hearing next Wednesday.

Mr. Little agreed.

OVERCROWDED 'BUSES.

(BEFORE MR. HANNAN.)

The following fines were imposed on 'bus owners for having allowed a greater number of passengers than the licences specified:—

Patrick Drennan, Mary street, 30s. in one case and 40s. in another; Richard J. Anderson, Rialto Lodge, Kilmainham, 40s.; James Costello, Ellis's quay, 40s.; William Gannon, Ussher street, 5s.

ADULTERATED WHISKEY.

Patrick Cotter, licensed publican, Aughrim street, was charged with having sold whiskey to Inspector Egan which was adulterated to the extent of 3.1 per cent. of water beyond the quantity allowed by law.

Mr. Hannan held that the case was proved, but he regarded it as a trivial offence, and he applied the provisions of the Probation Act, but he ordered that the defendant should pay £2 2s. costs of the prosecution, and to contribute £2 to the court poor box.

POOR MILK.

John Waters, Ellis's quay, was fined £2, with £1 1s. costs, for selling to Inspector Egan milk which was deficient in fats.

MANSION HOUSE COAL FUND.

The Committee of the Dublin Mansion House Coal Fund met in the Mansion House on Wednesday evening. In the unavoidable absence of the Lord Mayor, the Rev. Dr. Osborne (Honorary Treasurer) presided. Also attended—The Rev. W. J. McCreery, B.D.; the Rev. J. C. Breakey, B.A., and Sir John Irwin and Mr. J. J. Nagle, Honorary Secretaries.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by the Rev. Mr. McCreery, the Honorary Secretaries were requested to convey to Councillor Mrs. Maud Walsh, one of their colleagues, the sincere sympathy of the Committee on the death of her brother, the Right Hon. Sir James O'Connor.

Subscriptions amounting to about £540 were reported, and the meeting expressed the hope that a very considerable increase on this figure may shortly be announced, the need being great.

The Dublin Literary and Dramatic Society intimated their intention to give a performance of the play, "The Jackdaw and the Eagle," in the Abbey Theatre on Sunday evening, 10th January, in aid of this fund. The best thanks of the Committee were accorded to the promoters of this generous proposal.

Applications for grants of coal from various bodies were considered, but the Committee decided they could not extend the number of distributing agencies, in view of the risk of overlapping.

The Committee desire to again point out that direct applications by poor persons to the Mansion House cannot be considered, but should be made to the organisations responsible for the distribution of the coal tickets whose duty it is to investigate cases applying for relief.

The following grants of coal were unanimously approved—viz.,

St. Vincent de Paul Society	150	tons
Sick and Indigent Roomkeepers' Society	25	,,
Dublin Parochial Association	25	,,
Presbyterian and other denominations	10	,,
Auxiliary bodies	30	,,
	240	tons

FURTHER SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED:—

His Excellency the Governor-General	£5	0	0
His Excellency Mr. F. A. Stirling and Mrs. Stirling	5	0	0
Sir Frederick Moore, M.A. (per Rev. Dr. Osborne)	1	0	0
Lady Moore (per Rev. Dr. Osborne)	1	0	0
F. D. Moore (per Rev. Dr. Osborne)	5	0	0
Edward Lee and Co., Ltd.	5	0	0
Maguire and Paterson, Ltd.	5	0	0
Vincent Crowley, F.C.A.	1	0	0
"Mespil"	2	0	0
William Conan	1	0	0
Ada Lewis Winter Distress Fund (per Lord Mayor, Dr. Sherlock and Ald. J. H. Clark)	15	0	0
James Tallon, Cloniarf	2	2	0
Joseph Downes and Son, Ltd.	5	0	0
F. J. O'Tierney, Painemaker road	1	0	0
P. Hedigan, Glasnevin	1	0	0
"J. B."	2	2	0
"C. P. W."	5	0	0
Miss E. Fitzgerald	5	0	0
J. J. Johnston	1	0	0
G. Irvine	1	0	0

TRADE UNION SPLIT.

A conference in Glasgow between the Glasgow dockers and the executive of the Transport and General Workers' Union broke down yesterday.

According to previous arrangements, the Glasgow men will form to-day a new union—a step which may have far-reaching and important results. Mr. McTavish, chairman of the Glasgow branch, stated that the new union would come into being at once. Over 4,300 men will be affected.

FROM THE LEGAL DIARY.

LAW NOTICES—January 1, IRISH LAND COMMISSION.
(Examiner's Chambers, 93 Merrion Square.)

Before Mr. Brett, at 11 o'clock—John R. D. Goodban and anor. (81804), discharge rulings.

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FOOD AND PRODUCE MARKETS.

Dublin—Cattle freer sale and firmer; Sheep and Lambs 2/- per head dearer; Dairy Cattle in steady demand; brisk trade in Pigs at 4/- per cwt. rise. York—Light show Irish Cattle at late rates. Bristol—Cattle steady. Rubber firm. Wheat steady. Tin and Copper quiet.

CATTLE.

DUBLIN (METROPOLITAN).

	Numbers on sale this week as compared with last.		Corresponding weeks.	
			1929.	1930.
Beasts ...	4,050	Increase 2,199	4,004	4,074
Sheep and Lambs..	6,444	Increase 4,234	5,512	6,300
Veal Calves	1	Increase 1	37	25

Following holiday interruption, our cattle market this week presented more normal conditions. The supply of cattle was up to average for season, and quality of stallfeds showed marked improvement. With the return of all leading cross-Channel and local buyers, trade opened satisfactorily for all prime medium-weights, which were more easily sold at last day's prices, while occasionally beasts of outstanding merit got placed at slightly more money. Heavy bullocks, however, were not much wanted, and, on the whole, salesmen found it difficult to repeat late rates for anything outside of class and finish. Lancashire buyers were helpful in reducing the heavy pressure of light and half-meated beasts, particularly in the out-fed section of exhibits, but the large numbers on offer made it difficult to better recent poor prices. Manchester buyers were fairly busy, although somewhat cautious. Still, a fair shipping trade passed when we consider the depressed state of markets yonder, with London dead meat prices much below pre-war days. In early stages of business the beef market worked out tolerably satisfactory and steady for quality exhibits. Although values showed a drop of 1s. to 2s. 6d. per cwt. on corresponding fixture last year, everything of useful quality could be fairly well placed, and, with an average supply sold up, business can be reported healthier. Beef cows provender decidedly better and freer trade, with local fleshers our best buyers. There was a fair demand for Belfast also, and cows of extra young class were quickly taken up; in fact, anything meated found ready buyers, and, although prices showed no advance generally, late rates closed firm, and early clearance made except for the old and lean beasts. Prices over the day's proceedings worked out as follow:—Prime medium-weight stall-feds, 40s. to 42s., extra 43s. per cwt.; heavy and secondary sorts, 36s. to 38s., extra 39s.; rougher, 34s. to 35s.; out-feds, 30s. to 34s.; best cows, 21s. to 26s., extras 27s.; others, 15s. to 20s.

SHEEP AND LAMBS.—With both local and cross-Channel buyers resuming purchases after Christmas holidays sheep market presented a healthier and dearer tone. All prime classes were readily cashed at fully 2s. per head, and possibly more in the case of hogget lambs. Ewes showed a marked improvement from previous markets, and except for very poor pens salesmen found no difficulty in clearing all on offer at dearer rates. Hoggets of shipping class were none too plentiful and more wanted. Choice butchers sheep were placed more advantageously than recently, including medium heavy wethers. Cheviot wethers being the only class neglected. Still trade generally was better, both as to value, and the sell up, which took place early, except for very rough and half-meated classes. Prime mutton, 7d. to 7½d. lb.; other classes, 5½d. to 6½d.; wethers, 42s. to 57s. per head; hoggets, 30s. to 52s.; ewes, 30s. to 44s.; extra, 46s. and 50s., and hogget lambs, 25s. to 30s., extra 40s. to 48s.

DAIRY CATTLE.—Market offered just 215 dairy beasts of mixed character. There was a steady demand for suitable quality young cows and A1 heifers, suiting English requirements, but Scotch trade on the whole was poor, with less buyers in attendance owing to holidays yonder next week. Local dairymen generally were poor bidders, and rather difficult to fit in price. However, values for prime cows and heifers were generally fully maintained, with a £1 or so more for outstanding tip-toppers; small and ordinary classes were bid for as poor prices, and brought business into a late hour, when the following prices were mentioned:—Best cows, £22 to £26; extra, £27 per head; heifers, £20 to £21; extra, £22 to £23; useful sorts, £17 to £19, and poorer classes £10 to £16.

PIGS.—Just 906 head of swine were marketed this week. Trade ruled exceptionally keen throughout at a further sharp rise in values of, say, 4s. to 5s. per cwt. Buyers were in large attendance, including several prominent shipping men, and competition proved very active, and unusually quick sell-up of all classes, terms being, if anything, more inclined to harden than weaken in the wind-up of business. Sows were none too plentiful, but not much wanted; still, all on offer were cashed around late rates. Slips and bonhams were more inquired for, but prices rather difficult to better. Prime light-weight pigs 60s. to 64s. per cwt.; medium 56s. to 58s., heavy 52s. to 54s. and 56s., sows 36s. to 38s. and 40s., slips and bonhams 12s. to 27s. per head.

BRISTOL.—Abont 230 Irish cattle and 60 English cattle on offer. Milch cows £25 to £27, two-year-olds £17 to £19, yearlings £12 10/- to £14 10/-. Lambs 11d. mutton 7½d. per lb. Beef 7½d. to 7½d.; Irish beef 7½d. to 7½d.

YORK.—Very light show of Irish cattle and few sales at late rates. Short supply of dairy cattle, and no off buyers present and sales slow. Only meagre offer of sheep of all classes, but some good turniping lambs. Up to noon practically no sales.

BIRMINGHAM PIG.—Small supply due to the hard weather; steady to active demand, bacons being firmer. Quotations—Bacons 10/- to 10/3, cutters 10/6 to 11/6, and sows 7/- per score, dead-weight.

DONNELLY, DUBLIN.

Pigs under 6 stone	70/-	per cwt., dead-weight.
,, ,, 9 ,,	62/-	,, ,,
,, ,, 12 ,,	60/-	,, ,,
,, ,, 14 ,,	55/-	,, ,,
,, ,, 16 ,,	50/-	,, ,,
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CHARLEMONT HOUSE.

Mr. C. McGloughlin pointing out some of the alterations at the inspection of the reconstruction work at Charlemont House by the Lane Bequest Committee. With him is Mr. J. J. Raine.

OPPORTUNITY FOR IRISH GROWERS.

EARLY PRODUCE FOR BRITISH MARKETS.

"If small-holders in Ireland would turn their attention to filling the gap on the English market caused by the prohibitive tariff on fresh fruit, flowers and vegetables from the Continent, it would be a great source of wealth to this country."

This was the view expressed yesterday by Mr. Thomas Shaw, President of the North Dublin Horticultural Society, to an *Irish Times* reporter. He believes that the prohibitive duties imposed in this connection by the British Government should have important reactions in the Irish Free State if small-holders would rise to the occasion. He was strongly of opinion that small farmers could open up a new line of business in this direction if County Instructors in Horticulture made it their business to tell them exactly what was wanted.

A well-known horticulturist in sympathy with this suggestion pointed out that, with direct shipping between the Continent and Ireland the dumped produce kept out of England might be diverted to Ireland, to the further detriment of home produce on the Irish market. He agreed, however, that imported produce, such as tomatoes, were as good as Irish, and that an increase in the output of the home product would be appreciated by the public and bring money to the grower.

Mr. Shaw was strongly in favour of soft fruit production, not only for its value as fruit, but because it would provide the fruit pulp required by jam manufacturers in the Irish Free State. The home market is also capable of development in the supply of early vegetables and flowers, provided they are properly marketed.

Three lives were lost in a tornado which was followed by a flood in State of Missouri.

THE VALUE OF THE SOVEREIGN.

POPULAR, BUT ERRONEOUS, BELIEF.

The scarcity of sovereigns in Great Britain and Ireland since England went off the gold standard has resulted in people in all parts of the country bringing all their available sovereigns to the banks in the hope that they will be paid 27s. 6d. per sovereign.

An *Irish Times* representative was told yesterday by a well-known Dublin banker that he had had many such offers from his clients, and one person recently brought him three hundred sovereigns, asking twenty-four shillings for each of them. The banker, of course, could not meet such a request, and told his client that all he could do was to pay £300 for the lot.

Irish banks are taking in all the sovereigns that they can get, and they are not paying out any to clients. A large percentage of the coins are sent to the Bank of England. Some are melted and sold as bullion at the ordinary price, and others are disposed of in a way only known to the Bank of England officials.

MELTED SOVEREIGNS.

It is feared that there has been a certain amount of illegal melting of sovereigns during the past few months owing to England's having gone off the gold standard and the rate of exchange for the pound sterling. People in the Free State have been known to offer from twenty-two to twenty-five shillings for a sovereign. When melted down the proceeds of pure gold in a sovereign can be sold to bullion brokers at a price ranging from 27s. 6d. to 28s. The bullion broker in turn can sell the gold at 28s. 6d.

An *Irish Times* representative was told yesterday that similar trouble was experienced during the Great War with regard to the silver.

GETTING RID OF OLD GOLD.

The scarcity of gold has had one remarkable sequel. A well-known jeweller in Dublin yesterday said that he never saw such a quantity of old gold as had been sent in by the general public to be melted down. One man had brought him a cardboard box in which were a lot of old gold watches and old gold articles. When melted down the watches and articles would be worth almost £30, he said. The man had made a big profit.

During the Great War, the jeweller said, twenty-two carat gold was worth seventy-seven shillings an ounce; eighteen carat was worth sixty-one shillings an ounce; fifteen carat fifty-one shillings, and nine carat thirty-one shillings.

To-day, he said, eighteen carat was worth almost seventy-nine shillings.

DUBLIN HOSPITAL SUNDAY.

Bray Methodist Church has contributed £1 to the Dublin Hospital Sunday collection.

Two hundred men have been thrown out of work by a fire which destroyed a sawmill belonging to the Pourpore Lumber Company at Cogama, Ontario.

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Woman's World

PERSONALITY IN FASHION.

WOMAN REVOLTS FROM THE MACHINE AGE.

PARIS, Thursday.

FASHIONS this season have changed from their age-old purpose of conforming femininity to the beauty-pattern of the epoch. They are undergoing a personality-building campaign. French dressmakers who make these styles say that personality in clothes is woman's defiance of the machine-age. They can't get the women who come to them to be dressed to conform to any standard pattern. The women are not taking their fashions in gross lots any more. They want clothes built to the measure of their personality. More than that, they insist that these clothes add to their own special stock of personality, even the most practical of garments.

Some of the far-cited pessimists claim that this bolt from the standard fashion-fold is a sign of the fall of the Fashion Empire. Be that as it may, the new idea of *chic* is one that is personal to each woman, and not a standard brand. It is similar to the masculine revolt against the Hercules idea in their clothes, as demonstrated by the exit of padded and pinched coats and skin-tight trousers. Women, too, are accepting their own natural allotments in the way of figures, prizing this as part of their personality, and playing it up, instead of trying to look like a lot of human sheep.

Afternoon dress in rust-coloured crêpe-de-chine, the skirt with découpes, the fulness distributed by godets. There is a bolero with ballooning cuffs and a single rever in cream-coloured crêpe-de-chine.

Your New Silhouette.

It's the women themselves, and not the *couturiers*, who are responsible for the increasing variety of styles; they simply refuse to be crushed into the same general mould any longer, and they claim the right, sartorially, to intensify their individual charms, without being considered freaks. Anyhow, wherever the praise or the blame lies, the change is here, so I must come down to cases, and tell you about the new figures you may choose from this season.

First of all, let me lay down for you the invariable basic rules that must govern your new silhouette, and then we'll pass on to variations.

You must have broad shoulders tapering down to an effect of slender waist, you may have Venus hips, emphasised by swathed or fitted effects, or your skirt fullness may start high; longer skirts give a long-limbed (or, if you prefer—legged) line.

Your wide shoulders are furnished to you by the all-important sleeves that are widened at the top in some manner or another.

Leg-o'-Mutton Sleeves.

Real leg-o'-mutton sleeves are being shown by a number of creators, and, though it's mean to say "I told you so," just refer, if you can still find them, to my articles in last April and May, and you'll find I foresaw them ballooning upon the horizon. But don't be afraid that you'll be forced into leg-o'-mutton sleeves. There are lots of other ways. Some *couturiers* use a square shouldered Raglan cuff on evening, as well as day-time coats, many *couturiers* use tricky kimono cuffs, others make drop shoulder yokes. Dolman sleeves have come back strong. These are particularly logical for coats, as they give the necessary space to the puffed or ruffled sleeve of the frock below.

Epaulettes are another amusing solution of the shoulder line. They are used by some dressmakers on tailored jackets, and they are also used to outline arm-holes of evening frocks.

The Back Movement.

The back movement is one of the important fashions of the season. The draped and tied back skirts of 1880 inspiration are coming out in society this winter. Tie-backs lead to the bustle, as we all know, and this type of frock has a strong hold on the imagination of the Paris fashion-makers, and every season or so, one of them pops up with the 1880 line, which nobody has taken very seriously up to now. It is true that no more than a bow marks the spot where the bustle once puffed and billowed, and very often nothing at all is placed behind the waist-line. The tie-back movement is achieved by fitting the skirt in front, and letting it flare at the back. That's the way it's done in Paris for day-time, and sometimes in the evening dresses as well. All the slimming Princess effect of this famous past fashion is achieved together with the billowing-out behind, and left by the wayside are the distortions of pinching and puffing that make such a dress undesirable in our modern epoch of clothes—comfort-above-everything. In short, the old fashion is made new.

No other line that is to be found in this season's fashion so sets off supple slenderness.

Fashion Hints.

The Paris air contributes to the creation of beauty, which in many cases takes the shape of original models and new colours.

There seems to be a game of hide-and-seek played by colours. They go at times into hiding, only to be revived, a few short seasons later, disguised as distinct novelties.

There is no reason to offer why certain shades, popular one season, are discarded and distasteful the next.

Green has survived ever so many years, so has *tête-de-nègre*. As to beige, this prime favourite of modern times, it has dislodged grey entirely.

Bois-de-rose is in the ascendant, with Bordeaux and all shades of red. Corn-flower blue, in great disfavour for many seasons, has again become very popular.

To be well-dressed is to be suitably dressed, and it should be the aim and object of every woman, according to her means, to be turned out to the point of being in the picture and a joy to behold.

Jade is the fashionable precious stone today. The ruby has gone out of favour, for no apparent reason.

Sequins are very much to the fore again this season, and some tiny fitting boleros, made of sequins, on a net foundation, in black, white, and pink, would look very well with almost any plain evening dress.

Attractive little evening scarves of silk chiffon, cut to form little capes of three large petal-shaped sections, cover our backless evening frocks, when we wish them covered, and look smart.

The hair will be worn off the forehead, because this style makes a more effective frame to the face when it is well-shaped. The "roll" at the back of the neck, so difficult to keep in order, has disappeared, and a cluster of curls takes its place. The ears will also continue to be covered, or, at least, very little of them will be seen.

Reading and Good Resolutions.

How to Profit from the Daily Paper.

DEAR MARY,—A happy New Year to you, and may you grow better and better every day and in every way in 1932! I have already begun to keep my good resolutions; foremost among them is the resolution to read my daily paper as it should be read. Perhaps, that sounds odd to you, but I think it is true of most women that they do not read the paper—a glance at the picture page and headings, a hurried consultation of the theatre column—and that's all. Men, on the other hand, study a newspaper as if their lives depended on it; at breakfast, in the 'bus or train, they are wrapped from contact with their fellow-beings in sheets of paper; but ask one of them: "Is there anything in the paper to-day?" and the invariable reply is "Nothing!" Perhaps, they feel that the affairs of the great world are not to be discussed with women, and, indeed, the woman who confines herself to skimming and her conversation to maids, children, prices and fashions may not deserve better treatment!

Methodical Thinking.

A paper, if it is to serve its true purpose, should be marked, read and discarded—oh, the dusty piles in one corner of my study! Five minutes in the morning with a red pencil to mark the things I want to read, concentration on these articles in the 'bus to and from my job, and over a leisurely tea, the cutting out of anything needed for future reference—that is my plan. And this year will see my cuttings properly filed.

Women who only get the day's paper on the return of their lords from business should make a point of ordering a paper for themselves at once. And at the same time they—and not only they—should beg, borrow or steal a copy of Ernest Dimnet's *Art of Thinking*, which, among many other things, shows how a newspaper may be used as a means of real contact with events of our own time, and also a means of developing one's power to read with profit and delight. Somebody has succeeded in stealing my copy, so I trust to memory when I say that one point he omits is the use of a newspaper as a means of conversation. I don't mean "chat," but the kind of talk that can be really exciting and stimulating. I discovered this for myself at a time when I was tongue-tied with shyness—for once. I had read the morning paper with attention; going to town in the train I met a friend of the family whom I liked, but had never been able to talk to; she was going that afternoon to a film I had read of. Contact was established! We spent the rest of the journey in an absorbing discussion of the cinema as entertainment, as art, as an educational possibility.

The Method Works.

The incident made such a vivid impression on me that I have since passed on the tip to several friends who complained of never being able to talk—and they, too, have found that it works.

Almost inevitably reading the paper leads one on to reading books with more interest and discrimination. To have formed a taste in reading is good, but to be able to go on forming one's taste is infinitely better. It is not only that reviews and publishers' advertisements help. If, for example, you have been following contemporary events in Spain or the war between China and Japan, you go to a library with quickened interest, and instead of inquiring vaguely "Can you recommend a new novel?" you demand the biography of a Spanish leader or essays on modern China.

Good Resolutions.

But to return to my good resolutions! I have resolved not to accumulate rubbish—out go the piles of papers, away go the magazines to hospitals; parcels of old books have been sent off to friends remote from libraries, and their place is filled with new ones. Cripples from the china cupboard, cardboard boxes, outworn utensils and old clothes have gone, too. My habitation is fit to welcome 1932, bringing (I hope) new lamps for old.

And, lastly, I have resolved to get up fifteen minutes earlier—an extra five minutes each for health, for beauty and for the paper! A few more deep-breathing exercises, one or two new exercises for neglected muscles—so much for health. As for beauty, the minutes are to be given in rotation to my different bad points! On Monday I shall brush my hair for five more minutes with a brush sprinkled with eau-de-Cologne to keep it burnished and soft; on Tuesday—but I have confessed enough. Now it is your turn.—Yours,

AILEEN.

Afternoon Frocks.

The new afternoon frocks are slightly longer than those for morning wear, and on these, as well as on the *ensemble* dresses, two-colour effects are used.

Yokes and tops of sleeves will contrast in colour with the rest—a black gown has a bolero jacket, for instance, over an emerald green gilet, and so on. Fine pleating is a trimming seen on day and some of the evening dresses.

Groups of little flounces or frills are being used on the sides, and the front of the skirt of the dress, sometimes, above a double row of flounces at the hem.

A great deal of attention is paid to necklines and sleeves, although the latter have not the ultra-fussiness which is one of the results of a too-close attention to the modes of sixty years ago. Afternoon coats are often of velvet, richly furred, and worn with gowns of crêpe.

The latter have a line which is moulded over the hips, spreading in a wide flounced hem, godets or flares below. The waists on these are invariably normal, but on the coats a slightly high waist is sometimes suggested by a tuck.

Paris Millinery.

POPULAR, BUT ERRONEOUS, BELIEF.

Plumes Return.

One particularly significant feature of the new millinery is that it is bringing ostrich plumes back into fashion. Autumn hats made in the new shapes are trimmed with very long plumes of ostrich. Velvet hats, in romantic shades of dark green, grey, Burgundy red, are wreathed in trailing plumes. A felt hat built like a riding Derby, and tilted over on the left side of the head, is often seen with three little ostrich tips, sometimes in three contrasting colours, in a line across the front of the crown, and another hat of this description was seen lately with a tuft of feathers placed at the back—eccentric, and certainly not artistic in any sense of the word. *Bérets* are given an absolutely new movement, which makes them entirely unrecognisable. One seen in ivory felt is trimmed with a huge black ostrich feather. Its smartness lies in its absolutely flat shape, without the slightest semblance of a hollow crown hinted at.

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Ciro Pearls charm the wearer perpetually—the years have no effect on their pristine beauty, natural sheen and elusive colouring. Ciro Pearls and Jewels—obtainable in Ireland at London prices exclusively from the special Ciro Dept. at Switzers, Dublin.—(Advt.).

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Ostrich feathers are once more showing their fluttering flattery in unexpected ways. They are clustered under hat brims, or they sweep the shoulder with their graceful fronds from a wider-brimmed hat. They are also seen as vertical accents near the hems of full chiffon skirts, running almost up to the knees. With the ample hem-widths now in vogue in evening gowns, their use is suggested in many ways, in colour combinations, or solid white or black.

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The Evening Beret.

Some of the smartest women are making great efforts to bring the sequin evening *béret* into fashion. Two or three Parisiennes have been appearing at night clubs lately in bright green caps worn on the backs of their heads. Whether they are kept on by suction or invisible hairpins I am not prepared to say. Most of the women I have seen wearing them have had rather strange, unhappy expressions.

Flowers are everywhere in the new millinery modes, and so are feathers. They perch beneath and above the brims of the hats with tilted brims, and they encircle the tricot tartans which perch far back on their wearers' heads.

The white feather is shown in a good many hats; that is, the trimming of tiny white feathers, either bunches of little quills, not more than two inches long, or a more sweeping soft feather, placed low at the side, towards the back.

To accompany the more formal suits or *ensembles*, the hats, like those worn in the days of the Empress Eugénie, are liked. Perched high on the head, with a delightfully flirtatious tilt over one eye, they are often trimmed with feathers, and are extremely flattering when worn by the right person in just the right way.

The many patent-leather accessories in the way of belts and purses, have called forth the hat of shiny leather, trimmed with *cird* satin ribbon.

Fine Embroidery in Fashion.

A Flourishing Irish Industry.

It is a notable fact that many of the smaller Irish industries that would have had a difficult struggle some years ago to make ends meet are now in a prosperous condition. Hand-embroidered garments are often the mainstay of the industries I speak of. There are many charming articles of the same kind sold in the ordinary shops, but in all cases people are attracted by the small label on a dainty undergarment bearing the guarantee "hand embroidered."

A good deal of fine net is still used on crêpe-de-chine underclothes, and it can be utilised to make flower patterns as well as plain tops of various garments. Crêpe-de-chine of contrasting colours can be adapted to the same purpose, and worked in with top-sewing as bouquets of flowers or conventional patterns. Obviously, all these embroideries can be carried out by amateurs, but embroidery takes a longer time than almost any other type of needlework, and requires much neatness and accuracy to be carried out successfully.

Drawn Thread Work.

Certain types of material lend themselves to embroidery more than others. Shantung, for instance, is one of the best silks for drawn thread work. Certain precautions are necessary in choosing any particular piece of stuff for drawn thread work. The main consideration is that the threads do not draw crooked, or all the hems would in this case be uneven, and would actually fail to meet. Linen is another very good material for drawn thread work, as all the threads are easily seen. Crêpe-de-chine is more difficult, as it is a closely-woven material, and the separate threads are difficult to follow. Many beginners make the mistake of drawing seven or eight threads for an open-work hem. The large type of hem is more difficult to work neatly than the hem of a few threads.

French knots should be very tightly and closely fastened or they are liable to come undone when the garment is washed. They form a pretty hem to silk underclothes, and are more quickly worked than an open hem.

Scalloping.

Scalloping is seen on some of the more expensive types of underclothes, such that are of crêpe-de-chine, rather plain, and in good taste. Scalloping can be carried out fairly easily by the amateur. It is not necessary to buy a scalloping pattern, to be ironed on. Various coins, from a threepenny bit to a penny or half-crown, according to the size one requires, can be used along the edge to form the semi-circle of the scalloping. It is always better to pad scalloping with some rather thick embroidery thread first, as this helps to make it stand out.

Most coloured silks that are sold for embroidery will stand hot water, although they may be damaged by soda.

All embroideries should be ironed damp and on the wrong side.

HERE is a hot meal, quick to serve, appetising and substantial. It needs no cooking—simply take Shredded Wheat straight from the packet and pour on hot milk.

You could not serve anything more wholesome because Shredded Wheat is pure whole wheat, containing all the food elements the body needs in their natural proportions, and including the regulative bran. Have it for breakfast every morning. Serve it for supper too. Children especially love this warming, comforting meal last thing at night. Make Shredded Wheat a regular item on your shopping list, and you will quickly realise how greatly it benefits health, besides saving time, trouble and money.

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CO-OPERATIVE CREAMERIES.

BETTER RETURNS IN 1930.

IRISH AGRICULTURAL ORGANISATION REPORT.

THE annual report of the Irish Agricultural Organisation Society, Ltd., for the year ended March 31st, 1931, which has just been issued, deals largely with the progress of the Society during the years from 1924. The report states that the auditing of the Society's accounts failed in some respects to satisfy a reasonable standard, and the Committee trusted that representation made in the matter to the Department of Finance would receive that attention which it was felt it deserved.

The Committee took exception particularly to the absence of regulations to prevent the signing of a balance-sheet or an annual return by a public auditor, not appointed by the Society concerned, to audit its accounts, or one who did not, in fact, have them audited personally, or have them audited by a competent person in his everyday employment.

CREAMERY TURNOVER.

Summarising the trading position of the local co-operative societies for the two years, 1929 and 1930, with the figures for 1923 as a background, the most interesting fact disclosed was the increase in creamery turnover, which in 1929 was 150 per cent. of the value of the total creamery export of that year, the corresponding percentage for 1930 being approximately 170 per cent. The iconclusion that the quantity of butter made in co-cerative creameries, both in 1929 and 1930, made each a record year seemed clear.

Turning to the societies other than the creameries, it would appear that their relative positions was the converse of that of the dairying societies. Whilst the aggregate trade of the latter had increased that of the other local societies had diminished.

DAIRY DISPOSAL COMPANY.

The most important event in connection with the creamery societies was the decision of the Government to consolidate the dairying industry by the purchasing of the proprietary creameries, the elimination of redundant premises and the transfer of milk supplies and operating creameries to the local co-operative societies. The Dairy Disposal Company set up by the Government under that scheme had at the time of going to press with the report, purchased 170 proprietary creameries, of which 44 had been transferred to the co-operative societies. Of the remainder 79 had been closed and 47 were on the company's hands. In addition the company had taken over by mutual arrangement 17 creameries belonging to co-operative societies in pursuance of its general object of economy. Altogether the company had conducted negotiations in respect of 191 creameries, of which it retained 62, consisting of eight centrals and 54 auxiliaries.

Under the heading Agricultural Societies the report states that the greatest difficulty that the agricultural societies had to contend with was management. A committee of farmers could rarely give the time, even if they had the necessary knowledge, to supervise the work of the store manager. Where there has been a capable, energetic manager the co-operative society had invariably been a success, and in most cases where failure has overtaken a society it could be traced to inefficient management or to slackness on the part of the committee, defects which it would be within the scope of the I.A.O.S. to remedy if it were more adequately financed.

Lady Southwark, who is seriously ill at Ventnor, Isle of Wight, was stated last night to be very gravely ill.

Denzil's Bronchitis Kept Mother Worried.

Master Denzil Morris, Wharram, Malton, Yorks.

But finally a simple external treatment brought relief.

"My little 5-year-old boy," says Mrs. B. Morris, "has been badly troubled with bronchitis every winter. Seeing Vick brand Vapour-Rub advertised, I decided to give it a trial, and I am glad to say that relief set in from the very first application. He gets through the winter splendidly now, with Vick coming to the rescue at the first sign of a cough."

Check Colds in Time.

If used promptly, Vick brand Vapour-Rub almost always checks a cold before serious complications can develop. Rubbed on the throat and chest at bedtime, it acts in two direct ways at once: (1) Through the skin like an old-fashioned poultice, and (2) at the same time, vaporized by the body-warmth and inhaled direct to the inflamed air-passages.

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Checks Colds In 2 Ways at Once

ST. THOMAS'S PARISH.

POOR PEOPLE ENTERTAINED.

One hundred and twenty poor people in the Parish of St. Thomas, Dublin, had a very enjoyable Christmas dinner in St. Thomas's National School, Lower Gloucester street, yesterday evening.

The dinner was under the auspices of the Church Army, and was provided by an anonymous donor, the Church Army and some friends. The poor people included men, women and children, and they were given turkey, roast beef, ham, vegetables, cakes and tea. The hall was tastefully decorated.

The children were provided with Christmas stockings.

The Rev. J. Purser Shortt, Rector of the Parish, Sister Holford, of the Church Army, and others had charge of the arrangements.

The donation of five guineas to the Dublin District Court poor box, referred to on Wednesday by Mr. Cussen, Senior Justice, was given by the Automobile Association and not by the Irish Automobile Club, as stated.

CHURCH ARMY DINNER

A table loaded with good fare at St. Thomas's Schools, Dublin, where dinner was given yesterday by the Church Army.

IRISHMAN'S DIARY.

"The Human Analyst" : Bianconi's Home : Bridge and "Ballyhoo." Country Clubs for Airmen : Treasure-Hunting.

"The Human Analyst."

To judge by the crowds which are continually gathered around that latest mechanical device, "The Human Analyst," which has recently made its appearance in Dublin streets, the novelty of character-reading by machinery has by no means worn off.

The procedure is simple. You grip a handle on the front of the machine and insert a penny. A tapping mysteriously starts inside the "Analyst," and in a few seconds a card is dislodged. Though you may take the printed message thus delivered for what it is worth, nevertheless the instrument is vastly entertaining. From the way in which one gentleman went through the proceedings, I was not surprised that a message was registered to the effect that, "judging by his grip, he was a man of strong determination," but I felt that the human touch was too much in evidence when a boy thoughtlessly put in a penny before gripping the handle. The machine tapped for a moment, the card was dislodged, and I shall not easily forget the expression on the youth's face when he read: "How can I do my part if you will not do yours? Insert another penny." I wondered afterwards if meekness was one of the attributes accorded to him.

Greeting Cards.

Looking through the numerous Christmas and New Year cards that I received, I notice that the work involved in their designing is by no means a matter of similar reproduction every year. Fashions seem to change with greeting cards as with most things.

For the past few years we have exchanged cards of the severest simplicity. To be strictly correct, they were white, and our wishes were conveyed in concise terms. Only some message such as "Greetings" or "Good Wishes" was allowed to sully the whiteness of the surface. This year, however, we have forsaken severity. Inside our cards are found rollicking verses of good cheer. The covers are ornate with good, old-fashioned pansies and roses, while it would be useless to speculate on the circulating number of snow scenes, with the apposite red robin.

Bianconi.

Mrs. Bianconi Watson has written to me as follows:—

I read with interest your account of my great-grandfather, Charles Bianconi. The following facts may interest you. My home, which I have just opened as a sporting hotel, is actually Bianconi's old home. It is situated on the banks of the River Suir—quite near the historical Rock of Cashel.

The original stables and the old coach-houses are still intact. There were as many as 500 horses here at a time resting, while another 500 were on the roads. The old forge put up by Bianconi is still here, and being carried on by the same family of blacksmiths.

His D.L. sword and uniform hang on the wall of the library—the room where he paid all his carmen. I still have in the house all the family portraits—early pictures of himself and his family. Some of them are especially interesting, since they include my great-grand-uncle, Daniel O'Connell, the Liberator. Bianconi's bed—an old-fashioned four-poster—is still here in his bedroom. He is buried in the family mortuary chapel, which he himself erected on the estate.

Bianconi's only surviving daughter married Morgan John O'Connell, barrister-at-law and M.P. for Kerry, and nephew of the Liberator—thus uniting the two families, O'Connell and Bianconi. Morgan John O'Connell was my father's father. My father, John Coppinger O'Connell Bianconi, died two years ago. He was High Sheriff of Clare at one time, and J.P. for the Counties of Cork and Clare.

Bridge and "Ballyhoo."

The art of the showman, which must be one of the oldest in the world, has recently been developed to an extent that was hardly dreamed of in the days of Barnum, Sanger and Buffalo Bill. It has gradually spread from the circus and the raree-show to other forms of human activity, but the underlying motive is always the same. More subtle than ordinary methods of advertisement, showmanship seeks to stir up public interest in whatever it has to offer, and then, having created the demand, throws open the market to a flock of eager purchasers. Sometimes a minor failure, such as the attempt to create a craze for miniature golf, is recorded; but usually the showmen are successful. In America all these activities, from the methods employed during a presidential election to the boosting of a prize fight or a baseball match, are classified under the comprehensive term "ballyhoo."

The latest and most striking example of this kind of showmanship has been provided by the contract bridge contest in New York. Experts are unanimous in acclaiming Mr. Culbertson not only as a great bridge player, but also as the most brilliant exponent of ballyhoo that has yet appeared. The son of an American father and a Russian mother, he was washing dishes a few years ago, until he became interested in bridge. Before the present test he spent a long time in writing about the game, representing his own methods as being in revolt against conservatism and convention, and consequently in the true spirit of American progress. Most American women play contract, and their hearts went out to the rebel. Mr. Culbertson's books now sell by the hundred thousand.

An Ancient Quest.

Treasure-hunting, always fashionable, is just now enjoying one of its spells of feverish activity. The Nawab of Bhawalpur has started to unearth a deposit valued at £125,000,000, reputed to be somewhere within his modest realm, and a party of Canadian speculators is about to make a fresh attempt on the pirate hoard, estimated at £20,000,000, said to be buried on Cocos Island. The Nawab's task is easy enough—he has only to set his men to work and await the result—but the problem of the Canadians is not so simple. Rumour says that several extensive caches of jewels, money and bullion are buried on Cocos Island. Captain Davis is stated to have hidden the proceeds of the sacking of Loen and Guayaquil there, and it was the haunt of Captain Grahame, of the Devonshire, and of Captain Thompson, of the Mary Dier, who ran off with Peruvian State and ecclesiastical valuables, placed in his care during the revolution of 1833. Numerous attempts have been made to locate these reputed deposits, but none has had any real luck. The last expedition was in 1897.

There is a feature about the present undertaking, however, which distinguishes it from all the others. The venture will be under the direction of Colonel John Leckie, a well-known mining engineer, of Vancouver, who will make use for the first time of the metallophone. The metallophone is an electrical metal-detecting device, which, it is claimed, can locate mineral substances buried in the earth or submerged under water. Experiments have already shown it capable of indicating metals 41 feet in the ground and 100 feet in the sea. Incidentally, the expedition is assessed to cost about £2,000 in all—not a very reckless gamble to secure a possible £20,000,000.

Country Clubs for Airmen.

Country clubs for motorists, which were originated some years ago in America, did not prove particularly popular in these islands, but the latest development, the country club for airmen, seems likely to be very successful. A number of private air pilots dislike aimless flying, and, in order to satisfy their need for "somewhere to go," several country clubs have been established in England. One of these is at Aston Clinton, in Hertfordshire. An old house, once the home of the Rothschilds, has been converted into a clubhouse, with all modern conveniences, although the old-world charm of the place has been retained. From the number of pilots who frequent the club at the week's end it is obvious that the idea is approved; and, since the airman has a definite goal when he leaves his home aerodrome, the risk of accidents caused through "stunting" to pass away the time is lessened.

QUIDNUNC.

PUBLICITY CLUB OF IRELAND.

A complimentary luncheon was given yesterday in Dublin by the Publicity Club of Ireland to Mr. John Rowland, who is retiring after six years as honorary secretary. The group above, taken at Jury's Hotel, includes Mr. P. Montford (president), Mr. J. Rowland, Mr. E. C. Blennerhassett (new honorary secretary) and members of the committee.

PUBLICITY CLUB OF IRELAND.

LUNCHEON TO MR. J. ROWLAND.

The Publicity Club of Ireland gave a complimentary luncheon in Jury's Hotel, Dublin, yesterday to Mr. J. Rowland, late hon. secretary of the Club, on the occasion of his retirement from the firm of Eason and Son, Ltd., to take up business on his own account as a commercial agent. The President of the Club, Mr. P. T. Montford presided.

The Chairman paid a tribute to Mr. Rowland, who, he said, had done excellent work for the Club during the past six or seven years. They all wished him every success in his new undertaking. They were still fortunate in retaining his services as a member of the Club and of the Council. (Applause.)

Mr. C. E. McConnell, past President of the Club, spoke of the very hard and strenuous work done for the Club by Mr. Rowland. That work had shown itself in the successful progress of the Club. Alluding to the fortnightly luncheons of the Club, at which they had distinguished speakers, he said that they had given a platform to people who wanted to discuss matters of public importance. Thanks to the efforts of the Club, which was one of two in Ireland, the other being the Ulster Advertising Club, the title of the Associated Advertising Clubs' Council of Great Britain, of which they were a member, had been changed to "the Council of Advertising Clubs of Great Britain and Ireland."

Mr. T. A. Grehan proposed the health of Mr. Rowland.

Mr. W. Burns, Mr. Michael Devlin, Mr. J. W. Manning, managing director of Jury's Hotel, Ltd., and Mr. L. C. Blennerhassett, the new hon. secretary of the Club, joined in the tribute to Mr. Rowland. The latter added that in the Publicity Club of Ireland they had a first-class opportunity of developing a sense of the value of advertising and salesmanship in the marketing of merchandise, which was not fully understood in Ireland. The Club provided a platform for fruitful discussion by men concerned in economic and industrial questions, putting before the members and a wider audience the views of modern thinkers who wanted to see the country progress on modern lines.

Mr. Rowland, responding, said that he was not at all despondent of the future, despite the general depression. The silver lining was already beginning to show itself, and the general improvement in trade would not be very far off. He had seen, as most of them had, business in Dublin in a much worse condition than it was to-day, but the situation had been faced boldly and with courage with satisfactory results. To-day they were surrounded with a wave of pessimism, and what they wanted was a brighter outlook all round.

He paid a tribute to the generosity with which he had been treated by Messrs. Easons on his retirement, and he added that the Publicity Ball, which had been such a feature of the social life of Dublin, would not be held this season owing to the general financial depression. In conclusion he wished them all a happy and prosperous new year.

HOPES OF LANE BEQUEST.

PREPARATIONS IN DUBLIN.

MEETING OF CLAIMS COMMITTEE.

THE Dublin Corporation Lane Bequest Claim Committee held its first meeting yesterday, and, as a preliminary to it, made an inspection of the new Gallery of Modern Art and Civic Museum in course of construction at Parnell square, Dublin.

The building, as yet, has only reached the brick and mortar stage, and is not expected to be completed and ready to house pictures before next September. The main structural alterations have been made, and the walls of the different rooms have been built.

SPECIAL GALLERY.

The principal one of these rooms will be a handsome gallery at the further end of the building, designed to house the pictures of the Lane bequest. These pictures at present are in other hands across the Channel, but there is every hope that they will have been recovered in time to be hung for the opening of the Gallery.

The members of the Committee who inspected the building operations yesterday were:—Mr. Thomas Kelly, Chairman; Alderman J. Hubbard Clark, Mrs. M. S. Kettle, T.C.; Mr. C. E. McGloughlin, T.C.; Mr. David Coyle, T.C.; Miss S. C. Harrison, Mr. J. J. Reynolds, Curator, and Mr. Rowe, Secretary.

CURATOR'S REPORT.

After visiting the Gallery, the Committee held its first session in the Technical Schools, Parnell square, when a report was received from the Curator. Mr. Reynolds's statement appears to have reviewed the history of the Lane Bequest and the proceedings by which it was sought to have the pictures restored to Dublin.

The report stressed the admission of the British Commission that Sir Hugh Lane's intention was to bequeath the pictures to Dublin. The special merits of the right of the citizens of Dublin to possession, and the position of the Dublin Corporation as the proper custodians of the pictures, was set forth.

The Committee having heard the statement of the Curator, decided to present it as their report to the Corporation.

A BOOKLET.

It is understood that a booklet, presenting the case of the Lane Bequest Committee, will be issued at some near date. There is a feeling among those entrusted with this cause that as soon as the Dublin Corporation can show that they have provided the proper means of safeguarding and exhibiting the pictures of the Lane Bequest all opposition to their transference to Dublin will have been removed, and that eventually Sir Hugh Lane's intention to make this splendid gift will have been fulfilled.

BALLAGHADEREEN GAELIC CHOIR.

BROADCAST FROM 2RN.

Thousands of people listening to the programme broadcast from the Dublin Studio (2RN) last night must have been greatly pleased with the performance of the Ballaghadereen Gaelic Choir, which occupied the greater part of the night's broadcast.

Here is a body of singers which is not nearly as well known as it deserves. It can boast a splendid record of achievement of which such choirs as we have in Dublin or the other large Irish centres of population might well be envious. Started in 1925 through the enterprise of the Rev. Father McCarrick, of St. Mathew's College, Ballaghadereen, the choir met with immediate success and carried off principal honours for mixed Gaelic choir singing at the Sligo Feis that year.

In the succeeding years they have won virtually every competition they entered for in the various Feiseanna in the West of Ireland. Mr. Seamus Clandillon was the adjudicator at the Sligo Feis, at which they made their first mark, and he invited them to broadcast from 2RN. This they have done on three occasions prior to last night.

A mixed voice choir, there is a splendid balance amongst the parts, and generally the tone is good and bright, whilst the conductress, Mrs. Hanafy, has them under splendid control, securing her effects easily and effectively. In their programme last night they contributed about twenty part songs, and songs with choruses sung by Mrs. McGowran, Miss Carty and Mr. Eamonn O'Gallagher, members of the choir. As one expected from their name most of the singing was in Irish, and here they were quite at home and delivered their songs with real atmosphere, getting the words and their meaning clearly over. One of the loveliest pieces of singing was in the rendering of the hymn, "Ag Croist an Siol," set in the Gregorian style. There was plenty of humour in the treatment of Rafteire, and other pieces like Goodman's Slan Le Maigh, and Vincent O'Brien's Amhrain Dochais were also nicely sung.

The singing was not so well maintained in a group of Scottish Gaelic songs or in an English group, which included part songs by Parry and Purcell, and a chorus from "Maritana."

Generally the performance was one of which the choir had every reason to feel proud.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT.

SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE.

There was a decidedly festive air in the Metropole Ballroom, Dublin, last night, when the Department of Local Government and Public Health held their second annual dance. Among the gathering of over 500 persons there was no lack of gaiety, either in the farewell to 1931 or the welcome to 1932. The organisers had spared no pains to make the function a success, and every lady present was presented on her arrival with a charming souvenir.

Mrs. Mulcahy, who was wearing a becoming gown of black velvet, was presented with a lovely bouquet of dark crimson roses by the members of the Committee. Mrs. Michael Hayes chose a striking gown of electric panne velvet. Mrs. Meaghan's white gown was trimmed with black embroidery; black was also worn by Mrs. P. J. Hernon; Mrs. C. Jackson favoured a slim-cut gown of flame-coloured satin. Miss L. Moynihan was wearing pale pink lace, and Miss K. Shannon wore a velvet coatee with her attractive gown of black satin. Miss M. Gilligan was in a lovely black and floral chiffon frock. Miss Murphy chose a pale blue frock; Miss G. Cox was wearing a charming red georgette frock; Miss Joly came in a pretty eau-de-nil lace frock. Miss E. Kavenagh's frock was of flowered taffeta, while Miss M. Kavenagh wore a smart red georgette gown. A black gown, trimmed with diamanté, was worn by Mrs. Wilson; Mrs. Atock was also gowned in black georgette. Mrs. J. J. Duffy came attired in a floral chiffon frock. Mrs. O'Leary wore an orange coatee with her black frock, while Miss M. O'Callaghan was in a white taffeta frock.

Amongst others present were: The Minister for Industry and Commerce; Mr. Traher, Mr. Gerald Croft, Miss O'Connor, Mr. Walter Gilligan, Mr. H. P. Boland, Miss B. Kavanagh, Mr. E. Marlin, Miss K. Shannon, Miss M. Cahill, Mr. A. O'Leary, Mr. J. Ayres, Miss N. Fahy, Mr. W. McDonnell, Miss J. O'Leary, Mr. W. Harley, Miss C. O'Dwyer, Mr. Hennessy, Mr. H. C. Marriott, Mr. A. Kenny, Mr. P. J. Meaghan, Mr. P. J. Hernon, Miss Shannon, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Mulcahy (Minister), Mr. McCarron (Secretary), Mr. J. Flood, Mr. P. Andrews, Mr. N. Coleman, Mr. P. Dempsey.

Mr. J. J. Duffy, Mrs. Crotta, Miss Cahill, Miss Fahy, Mr. Harley, Mr. M. Ryan, Mr. Stone, Mr. Doyle, Mr. Commissioner Meghen, Miss Clancy, Miss B. Matthews, Miss M. Bartley, Mr. J. A. Duffy, Mr. J. McCarron, Mr. Shanahan, Dr. Kelly, Mr. O'Dwyer, Mr. J. J. White, Mr. H. Moylan, A. J. Hannan, Mr. Clancy Gore, Sec. Lt. F. A. Pearse, Mr. Meade, Mr. S. Kealy, Miss Heraghty, Mr. E. S. Browne, Mr. F. Mulligan, Mr. M. English, Mr. M. McGeeny, Mr. W. Honohan, Mr. Lyons, Mr. M. Dardis, Mr. P. O'Hagan, Mr. C. H. Anderson, Mr. King, American Vice-Consul; Miss Trench, Mr. Denis Hickie, Mr. Scarry, Mr. A. Lebrs, Mr. Trumsitt, Mr. Christopher, Mrs. Lee, Sydney Hill, Mr. W. Percival, Capt. Doyle.

DUBLIN CENTRAL MISSION.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES.

The Superintendent and staff of the Dublin Central Mission, George's Hall, with a band of loyal workers, have been busily engaged for about a fortnight in Christmas preparations. Bags of coal were sent out to a large number of poor homes a week before Christmas, and on the 23rd parcels of groceries and meat were delivered by Sister Anna Dunwoody and Miss Pickering.

After the morning Service on Christmas Day 76 men, women and children were entertained to a splendid dinner. In the large recreation hall, made comfortable by fires, an hour's entertainment was given by Pat Macnamara, humorist, and all enjoyed it thoroughly. Tea was served at 5.30, after which there was a short impromptu concert, followed by the showing of the film, "Carnation Kid."

On Wednesday nearly 300 children gathered for the annual Christmas treat. They arrived at 3 p.m., played balloon games for about an hour, and then Pat Macnamara entertained them with songs and instrumental music until tea at 5 p.m. There was wild excitement when the two Santa Clauses arrived with packs on their backs. The children gathered round the Christmas trees and everyone received a gift from Santa Claus. Oranges and cakes were distributed to the children as they left the hall.

The thanks of the committee and staff are due to the large number who gladly helped in these festivities.

ON THE WIRELESS

FIRST PROGRAMMES OF THE NEW YEAR.

THE first programmes of the new year have a special significance for listeners. It is natural that these programmes will be taken as the standard promised for the remainder of the year. This may not be wholly true; for the policy of the B.B.C. has always been progressive, and the programmes on the first day of the year are more likely to be the worst fare that will be provided. Assuming this to be so, the owners of wireless sets are assured of a happy New Year. To-night's programmes offer a wide variety of entertainment, in which music predominates. A part of the programmes that is regarded by most listeners as being rather in the nature of a weak joke and a waste of time is the shipping forecast. It must not be forgotten, however, that wireless has a function far more important than the mere provision of entertainment—that of protecting the lives of those engaged in hazardous occupations. The majority of ships are equipped with wireless, and the mariner is well aware of its great value in warning him of possible dangers. Its use is even more important to the fishermen around our coasts; for not only are their lives protected in some measure, but their chances of earning their livelihood are enhanced. The B.B.C., bearing these points in mind, has extended the scope of its reports. To this end an arrangement has been made with the Meteorological Office whereby the forecasts will, from to-day, include the Faroe Islands, thus embracing an important area of northern waters hitherto excluded from the reports.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS.

DUBLIN.
8.0—Grand Ballad Concert. 9.15—Station Strings. 10.10—Una Kenny (violin).

BELFAST.
8.0—A Scottish programme.

NORTH REGIONAL.
6.30—Brass Band Concert by the Stanton Ironworks Band. 8.45—"Pantomimicry."

NATIONAL.
9.35—B.B.C. Studio Orchestra, conducted by Frank Bridge.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMMES.

DUBLIN (2RN)—413 Metres.
1.30-2.0—Time, Weather and Gramaphone Concert.
6.0—Gramaphone Concert.
6.15—Ar i dTir na nOg.
7.0—Gramaphone Concert.
7.20—News Bulletin.
7.30—Time Signal. Monologues: C. McKeone.
7.45—Ferry Recital: Criostoire Ni Dhaluigh.
8.0—Band Ballad Concert.
9.0—Dublin Banjo Club Band.
9.15—Salon Strings.
9.30—E. Brennan and Company: Revue, "Mac Happy Returns."
10.10—Una Kenny (violin).
10.20—Salon Sextet.
10.30—Time, News, Weather and close down.

BELFAST—342.3 Metres (1,238 Kc.).
10.15-1.20—The Daily Service.
12. 0—Organ Music by Herbert Westerby.
12.30-1.0—Gramophone Records.
3.30—A Orchestral Concert.
4.30—Dance Music.
5.15—The Children's Hour.
5.55—Agricultural Market Prices for Northern Ireland.
6. 0—Daventry National Programme.
8. 0—A Scottish Programme.
9. 0—Daventry National Programme.
9.15—Regional News.
9.20-1.0—Daventry National Programme.

NORTH REGIONAL—479.2 Metres (626 Kc.).
10.15—The Daily Service.
10.30-1.0—Daventry National Programme.
12. 0—Frank Newman: Organ.
1. 0—The Trocadero Orchestra.
2. 0—The Regal Orchestra.
4. 0—Daventry National Programme.
5.15—The Children's Hour.
6. 0—First General News.
6.30—A Brass Band Programme.
7.40—A Concert.
8.40—"Pantomimicry"
10.15—Second General News.
10.30—Dance Music.
11. 0-12.0—Daventry National Programme.

NATIONAL—1,554.4 Metres (193 Kc.).
10.15—The Daily Service.
10.30—Time: Shipping Forecast.
10.40-11.0—The New Morning Talks Programme by the Director of General Talks.
12. 0—Gramophone Records.
12.40—An Organ Recital by Walter S. Vale.
1.30-2.30—Gramophone Records: Christopher Stone.
4. 0—Moschetto and his Orchestra.
5.15—The Children's Hour.
6. 0—"The First News."
6.20—The Foundations of Music.
6.55—"Coming Programmes."
7. 5—The B.B.C. Music Critic.
7.20—Talk.
8. 0—Jack Payne and his B.B.C. Dance Orchestra.
9. 0—"The Second News."
9.15—Shipping Forecast; New York Stock Market Report.
9.20—The Way of the World. Mr. Vernon Bartlett.
9.35—The B.B.C. Studio Orchestra.
11.0-12.0—Dance Music.

QUEEN TAKES PARTY TO SEASIDE.

The Queen, with a number of friends, drove to the sea at Hunstanton, Norfolk, yesterday, from Sandringham. The weather was glorious, with brilliant sunshine. The party walked on the front, and then went on to the beach and stayed by the sea for some time.

IN THE NORTHERN CAPITAL.

Linking the North to Shannon Scheme : Loug Foyle Dispute that should be settled. Popularity of Garden Plots.

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

BELFAST, Thursday.

THE New Year was heralded in Ulster with frost and a heavy fall of snow. After the mildness of the Christmas season the bitter cold was more acutely felt, and distress in poor homes became accentuated. A review of the past year shows that the clouds of depression lying on the province revealed but few signs of the "silver lining," and in most industries the year which is now closing was worse than during the previous twelve months.

The electrical industry stands out as pre-eminently successful, and hopes are expressed that in the days that lie ahead there will be even greater expansion in this department of activity.

Now and again we hear suggestions of linking-up the Northern electrical system with the Shannon scheme, and it is generally admitted that such an amalgamation would be beneficial to both Ulster and the Free State, but political prejudice stands as a barrier to progress, and nothing is done. The seed for such a plan has, however, been sown, and it may yet grow up firm and strong. Expert opinion is in favour of it, and that in itself is significant of future development.

Belfast was thronged to-night with crowds welcoming the New Year.

LOUGH FOYLE PROBLEM.

The problem as to who has the jurisdiction over the waters of Lough Foyle is still with us, and it seems as if it never will be solved. There are about forty Donegal fishermen who can only cross the border into Northern Ireland, at the risk of their personal liberty, owing to a judgment of the High Court against them regarding a dispute on the lough; and, as both the North and the Free State claim ownership of the disputed waters, something should be done to settle the matter. The question was referred to the British Government over a year ago, but it was conveniently shelved, and Westminster seems to have forgotten all about it.

The Donegal County Council has turned the limelight on the problem once more by calling on the Free State Government to take the necessary steps to reach a settlement, as there is danger of further friction between the local fishermen and the officials of the company which holds the fishery rights from the Honourable the Irish Society of London. It will be recalled that, under an old charter granted by an English King, the waters of Lough Foyle were considered in their entirety as part of the County of Londonderry, which, of course, seems absurd. Yet that is the point at issue, and it can only be settled in conference with the British Government. Great interest is being evinced in the controversy throughout the North.

MENTAL HOSPITAL SCHEME.

Reference was made in this column recently to the over-crowded condition of the Belfast Mental Hospital, and to the urgent need for extension. Proposals are now being made for that purpose, and it is estimated that the cost of the suggested new buildings will be about £105,000. The scheme will shortly come before the City Council, on the recommendation of the Hospital Committee, and, as the matter is urgent, there will be as little delay as possible in coming to a decision. At present there are almost four hundred more patients in the hospital than the buildings were intended to accommodate, and, unhappily, the figures are continually increasing.

The proposals include the erection of two new villas for chronic patients—one for one hundred male, and the other for one hundred female, inmates—together with extensions to the existing hospital blocks, a reception villa, residences for officers, etc.; and, although the expenditure will be great, it is felt that economy cannot be practised at the expense of an afflicted class. The "villa colony" at Purdysburn is a model for such institutions, with ideal surroundings; but, like Belfast itself, its borders are expanding, the poverty and distress of past years being among the causes for the increase in the number of patients.

TARIFF MATTERS.

The Order imposing severe duties on fruit, flowers and vegetables imported into the United Kingdom has been coldly received in Northern Ireland by the farming community, while those who indulge in luxuries believe that it will simply mean an increase in the cost of living. More good, it is thought, will be done by the prohibitive tariff placed on imported bacon by the Free State, as this does not apply to Northern Ireland, and will, therefore, widen the market for Northern merchants.

In commenting upon the new British duties, which come into operation next Tuesday, Mr. Hugh Minford, M.P., says that they are useful so far as horticulture is concerned, but they are of no benefit to the Northern farmers. He does not know how even the tariff on imported potatoes will help the Northern agriculturist, and declares that unless the Government is prepared to introduce a comprehensive scheme of tariffs on imported potatoes generally, as well as on pork, beef, mutton, butter, bacon, and such produce—thus ensuring to the farmer at least the cost of production—the position of agriculture will go from bad to worse.

The difficulty is, however, that a tariff on food products might not be popular in Great Britain, especially in these depressed times, with falling wages, and such a case the claims of Northern Ireland for consideration would fall on deaf ears.

VALUE OF GARDEN PLOTS.

In North Belfast there is a large area of ground divided into 360 garden plots which are industriously cultivated by working men, and they provide a valuable contribution to the vegetables needed in such a large city. Fears have been expressed that the Corporation, which owns the land, might evict the tenants, but such a course is hardly likely. Many of the workers have, however, been deprived of their plots for the making of a new roadway from Cavehill road through the gardens to Cliftonville, and if the bordering ground were let for building purposes, the whole garden area would be virtually be wiped out.

The garden plot movement is becoming increasingly popular in the North, and with the new restrictions on imported vegetables the growing of such produce at home is of the highest importance. A meeting of the Belfast Garden Plot Association was held this week, when the subject was discussed, the President stating that "it would be a very great calamity if these keen and successful plot-holders were deprived of the ground which they had converted from bog and wilderness into such a collection of well-tilled gardens."

DUMPING RUSSIAN FLAX.

The possibilities for the development of flax-growing in Northern Ireland may be gathered from the fact that for some weeks past there has been a steady influx of large quantities of this crop from Russian ports for Belfast merchants. It is expected that extensive supplies already in hand will be augmented next week by the arrival of a shipment of 2,200 tons of Soviet flax, with a further 600 tons on the following week, while regular consignments are expected during the next few months.

The slight improvement in the linen trade has quickened the interest of Russian agents, and it is difficult for Ulster farmers to compete against cheap foreign flax. As already pointed out in this column, the area under flax throughout the Six Counties has declined until now there are only a few thousand acres in cultivation, and the farmers are calling upon the Government to save the industry from total collapse. It is difficult to see how this can be done unless a tariff is imposed on imported flax, and the National Government has shown no sign of doing that.

INDIAN ROYAL BRIDES GO INTO PURDAH.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

SECUNDERABAD, Thursday.

The newly-married brides of the heir-apparent of the Nizam of Hyderabad and of the younger brother of the heir-apparent arrived at their new home to-day, and immediately went into purdah.

Your strength is as the strength of nine. If your bread is "BERMALINE."—(Adv.)

IRELAND'S COMIMG SPORT.

GLIDING EXPLAINED AT R.D.S. LECTURE.

The "airmindedness" of the rising generation was well exemplified by the large attendance of juveniles at the lecture by Mr. Oliver E. Simmonds, M.P., M.A., A.F., R.A.E.S., on "The World A-Wing" at the Royal Dublin Society, Ballsbridge, yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Simmonds opened his lecture with a brief history of gliding from Lilienthal's earliest efforts in 1890 to the modern school at the Wasserklippe, where the German glider pilots are trained. He illustrated a number of interesting gliders in flight, including Herr Kronfeld's "Wien" soaring machine. After emphasising the necessity of certain details of the design of gliders, including streamlining, Mr. Simmonds expressed the opinion that in the near future the enthusiasm of the British gliding clubs would exceed even that of Germany, and he urged his hearers to take up gliding as a sport and, where possible, to build their own machines, like many German boys.

From motorless machines the lecturer passed to airships, and said that he looked forward to the development of lighter-than-air-craft in the not too far distant future.

Mr. Simmonds showed interesting films (some by courtesy of the Air Ministry) of the experiments to utilise airships as aircraft carriers. Other forms of aircraft carriers—H.M.S. Courageous and the submarine M 2—were also shown.

The lecture was repeated to an appreciative audience of adults last night.

A STAFF DANCE.

At the Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin, last night the staff of Messrs. McBirney and Co. held an extremely enjoyable dance in the new Adams Ballroom of the hotel. The reunion was organised by a capable committee, and was a fitting close to the old year, which was ushered out in traditional style by Father Time, who appeared a moment before midnight, and the new year was introduced by little Miss Kane, who represented 1932 with charming simplicity in a frock of white and gold spangles.

Among the many lovely frocks seen in the ballroom were:—Mrs. O'Leary, who wore a smart black lace and georgette frock. Mrs. P. J. Murphy was in a stylish blue georgette gown. Eau-de-nil satin was worn by Mrs. J. Ramsay. Miss B. Murphy was in a striking blue satin frock. A charming old gold satin frock was worn by Miss R. Campbell. Miss Flood was wearing fuchsia-coloured velvet. Mrs. P. O'Donnell chose a flame and blue flowered ninon frock. Mrs. Kavanagh was attired in salmon-coloured georgette, while Miss Doyle wore a smart black taffeta gown.

A lovely pink flowered ninon and black chantilly lace gown was worn by Miss Lauder. Mrs. Shanley's black toilette was of satin and lace, and Miss Boothman's charming gown was of white satin.

Also present were:—Mr. and Mrs. O'Leary, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ramsay, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Murphy, Mr. M. O'Brien, Mr. R. Collopy, Mr. G. Collopy, Mrs. Kane and party, Mr. Walshe, Mr. Smith, Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. P. Green, Miss Fitzsimons, Miss Kerrigan, Mr. Conway, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Horgan, Mr. S. Kelly and Mr. M. Kelly.

IRISH AERO CLUB DANCE.

Amidst scenes of great revelry, the members of the Irish Aero Club and their friends sped the parting year at their dance in the Royal Hibernian Hotel, Dublin, last night.

Dancing continued until the early hours of this morning, except for a short break at midnight for the customary welcoming of the New Year.

The large attendance included the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, Mr. P. McGilligan, T.D. (Minister for Industry and Commerce), and Mrs. McGilligan; Mr. O. Grattan Esmonde, T.D.; Mr. O. E. Simmonds, Mrs. Wybrants, Miss MacCormack, Colonel and Mrs. C. F. Russell, Dr. Mary O'Leary, Mr. P. Grimes, Mr. M. G. A. Scally, Captain J. P. Saul, Mr. W. R. Elliott and Mrs. Elliott, Mr. C. F. French, Mr. L. J. Stanton, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Reynolds, Miss S. Trench, Mr. O'Hara and Miss D. O'Hara, Mr. S. J. Murphy, Mr. Crowe, Dr. G. E. Pepper, Senator and Mrs. O. St. John Gogarty, Miss R. Holmes, Mrs. A. J. Hayes, Captain E. G. Stewart, Mr. A. C. Woods, Miss M. Woods, Mrs. P. Cadell, Mrs. C. E. R. Brownlow, Mrs. Jebb, Miss B. McConnell, the Misses Campbell, Mr. McCarron, Major Deane, Mr. St. John Kearney, Mr. J. Doyle, and Mr. J. J. O'Sheehan.

SOUTH IRISH HORSE.

Lieut.-Colonel I. W. Burns-Lindow, D.S.O., formerly commanding the South Irish Horse, writes:—May I be permitted through the medium of the *Irish Times*, to return thanks to those numerous members of the old regiment who have so kindly sent me cards this Christmas?

These "greetings" have come, not only from every corner of Ireland, but from all quarters of the world.

The number is so great—several hundreds—that I cannot answer them individually, especially as in many cases no address is given.

I want to say how profoundly I am touched that so many, to whom I must now be becoming only a memory, have been good enough to recall me at this time of the year.

Also, I am more than proud that the links of friendship forged in days gone by, have proved strong enough to resist the disintegrating influences of time and civilian life.

With many thanks to my correspondents and with best wishes to all members of the regiment for the New Year.

BEECHWOOD LAWN TENNIS CLUB DANCE.

Beechwood Lawn Tennis Club ended the old year and brought in the new year with a dance at Messrs. Clery's Ballroom, Dublin, last night. There were about four hundred people present, and an enjoyable cabaret, in keeping with New Year's Eve, was staged by the manager, Mr. Field.

Among those present were:—The Lord Mayor of Dublin and Miss Byrne, Mr. and Mrs. M. MacGowan, Mr. J. J. Sheehan and Miss Sheehan, Mr. M. B. Cunnian (hon. secretary), Miss Callow, Mr. B. Ryan, Mr. J. C. Flaherty, Miss Brady, Lieutenant Keane, Lieutenant O'Cathain, Captain Quinn, Captain Russell, Mr. C. P. Doherty, Mr. M. A. Sheehan, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Blunden, Mr. R. A. Morrison, Mr. J. Keane, Mr. S. Nolan, Mr. R. Grogan, Miss Keoghan, Mr. T. Healy, Mr. C. Gogarty, Mr. J. Doody, and Miss Cunnian.

THE PRINCESS ROYAL.

Better Spirit Wanted.

General on Irish Conciliation.

WITH reference to correspondence which has appeared in the Press urging a discontinuance of the celebration of the 12th July, with the idea of conciliation of Roman Catholic opinion in the North of Ireland and the spreading of a better spirit among all classes, Major-General H. Montgomery, C.B., C.M.G., of Blessingbourne, Fivemiletown, Co. Tyrone, in a further statement says that he found out a good many years ago that there was no use in discussing religion with a Roman Catholic, no agreement being possible under present conditions; but that if this subject were avoided most Roman Catholics were just as easy to get on with as anybody else. He had already laid stress on the desirability of a more conciliatory attitude on the part of some of their local Councils. There could be little doubt that the increasing practice of dragging party politics and religious distinctions into local affairs tended to breed a spirit of hostility which was most detrimental to efficient administration. The General continued:—

NO COMPROMISE.

"What seems to me to be required is a much firmer line of demarcation between matters which are essential to the Unionist cause and those which are not. On any question which endangers our rights as British citizens Unionists must stand shoulder to shoulder, and every honest Nationalist knows perfectly well that on a question of that sort we cannot afford to compromise. But the situation is quite different when party influence is exerted in connection with questions which have nothing to do with politics; for the purpose, for instance, of securing the appointment of a Protestant rate collector or hospital nurse, to the possible exclusion of a Roman Catholic with better qualifications. Most of us probably know of cases of the sort."

General Montgomery pointed out that the present distribution of their electoral areas was necessary as a defensive measure when there was a powerful party in England in favour of separating Ulster from the United Kingdom and placing it under a Parliament in Dublin, but as an instrument of depriving Roman Catholics of a reasonable share of non-political appointments was quite indefensible. None of them wanted to revive conditions like those of 150 years ago, when Edmund Burke defined the difference between a Roman Catholic and a Protestant as the difference between a cat looking in at the window and a cat looking out of the window. He was familiar with the argument that a similar plan was carried out by Roman Catholics in the Free State. That might be so, but was it not obvious that the best way to secure more generous treatment for Protestants in the South was to show that they in the North were prepared to give fair play to Roman Catholics in the North? They in the North, who were living in security, were apt to forget that every intolerant act on their part tended to make the already difficult position of Protestants in the South still more difficult.

GIVE AND TAKE.

General Montgomery, concluding, put the following questions:—"Are we Ulster Protestants, who have been settled here for 300 years, going to be satisfied indefinitely with the idea of Ulster being a foreign country of which we are the temporary garrison? Or do we mean to look upon it as a home, where we can cultivate friendly relations with our neighbours, and combine with them in devoting that undivided attention to farming and industry which is essential to success, especially in these bad times? If the latter is what we want, it is time for us to realise that both we and our Roman Catholic neighbours are permanent partners in the Ulster community, and that sooner or later we shall have to agree to adopt a policy of mutual give-and-take. We are the stronger party in Ulster, and, with due regard, of course, to political developments across the border, it is for us to set the pace. I decline to believe that a genuine and continued effort towards conciliation on our part would not, in the end, meet with success."

Wexford Candidates.

The indications at the moment are that the number of candidates who will stand for Wexford in the coming general election will be ten for the five seats. Conventions have already been held by the Fianna Fail and Labour parties, each of whom have decided to run three candidates—Dr. J. Ryan, Mr. D. Allen and Mr. P. Kehoe (Fianna Fail), and Alderman R. Corish (Mayor of Wexford), Mrs. J. Shannon, M.C.C., and Mr. J. Norton (Labour).

The Cumann na nGaedheal convention for the selection of candidates will be held this month, and the following have been mentioned as likely to be proposed for the consideration of the delegates:—Mr. Osmond Grattan Esmonde, the sitting Government member; Mr. John Keating, who formerly sat as a member of the Dail as a supporter of Captain W. A. Redmond; Mr. M. J. Jordan, who sits as a member of the Farmers' Party in the present Dail, and Mr. James E. Walsh, Vice-Chairman of Wexford Co. Council.

It is now regarded as a certainty that an independent farmers' candidate will also be nominated, and with that object in view a convention has been summoned for next week. The choice of the convention, it is believed will be Mr. Michael Doyle, Chairman of the County Council, who was a member of the Farmers' Party in the Dail up to the last election, when he was defeated.

QUEEN'S COUNTY HUNT BALL.

A BRILLIANT SCENE.

Queen's County Hunt ball, held last night at Stradbally Hall, the residence of Captain A. G. Cosby, was attended by people from the home and surrounding hunt districts. To the older guests it recalled some of the best days of the Queen's County Hunt, when the late Colonel R. G. Cosby, grandfather of the present owner of the mansion, was Master.

Two spacious rooms were devoted to the dancing, and arrangements were made for the relaying of the music from the first to the second floor. The ballrooms and other apartments set apart for the occasion were beautifully decorated.

The Joint Masters, Mr. M. J. Minch, Major Maurice C. Hamilton and Sir Hunt Walsh, were present.

Mrs. D. More O'Ferrall brought a large party, and amongst others present were:—Captain Cosby, Miss Cosby, J. R. S. Cosby, T. S. Movles, Major Tryon, Lady Walsh and Miss Walsh, E. G. R. Butler, Mrs. Popoff, Miss M. Stuart, J. Murray Hayden, Mr. and Mrs. W. Bland, Major Dease, Captain, Mrs. and Miss Prior Wandesforde, R. C. Prior Wandesforde, A. D. Thom, Mrs. Thompson, Major and Mrs. Clements, Mrs. Megann, Miss Denys Burton, Miss Marsden, Major Marsh, Miss St. Leger, Miss J. St. Leger, Mrs. M. C. Hamilton, Colonel James, Miss D. Poe, Dr. J. Farrell, Captain T. Fairfax Ross, Mrs. Ross, and Mr. Ross; Miss E. Percival Maxwell, Mrs. MacDonald, Mrs. and Miss Dennehy, Mrs. D. More O'Ferrall and party, Mr. and Miss Taaffe, Kingswell Pennefeather, Miss Pennefeather, Captain V. Tolleray, L. Ward, Mr. Prior de Saone, Colonel, Mrs., and Miss Magann; Mr. T. Millar, Dr. Somerville Large, H. Turpin, Mrs. Lunn, T. Millar, W. A. Robinson, Mr. Ruskell and party, Mr. and Miss Cooper, Miss Handcock, Mr. M. Leonard, Miss Leonard, Miss Rainsford, Miss Addyman, Miss Hewet, Miss Corr, Mr. Nicholson, J. G. and Mrs. Onions, W. A. Robinson, Miss A. McLean, W. Perry Odlum, Mr. F. E. and Mrs. Clappett, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Goodbody, D. M. Bistion, Dr. J. Carter, Miss V. Rosa, C. L. Cooper and party, Mr. Brown Rogers, Miss Graham, Mr. Williams, Miss M. Tindal, Mrs. Pollock.

The customary post-ball meet of the Queen's County Hunt takes place at Stradbally Hall to-day.

Mr. David Craig, J.P., aged 74 years, has died at Ardstraw, Newtownstewart, County Tyrone. He was one of the most prominent Unionists in North-West Tyrone, he occupied a seat in Tyrone County Council, and was a member of many public boards and committees in which he took a deep interest till laid aside by illness some months ago.

SCHOOLBOYS' RUGBY FOOTBALL.

A kick for touch by a Clontarf player in the match between Wanderers Schoolboys' Juniors and Clontarf Schoolboys' Juniors.

County Louth Ratepayers.

Believed Loss of £2,700 a year.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

DUNDALK, Thursday.

ARE the ratepayers of County Louth losing £2,700 a year owing to a hurried agreement made some years ago?

At the meeting of the County Louth Board of Health, Mr. Mathew Campbell complained that until some years ago the ratepayers of County Meath were responsible for the maintenance of the poor of portion of Drogheda town, but with the closing of the Drogheda Workhouse the entire responsibility devolved on the Louth ratepayers. While responsible for the maintenance of the Drogheda poor Meath County Council had been in receipt of an increased agricultural grant, which, he stated, now continued, though their responsibilities grew less. It had been estimated that the loss to County Louth was £2,700 a year, and because of the extra impost the rural area of Ardee had been hit to a big extent. The rates in that area had risen from 1s. 2d for poor law charges to 2s. 8d. He urged that the Board should make inquiries into the matter, and that the ratepayers of Louth should get the relief to which they were entitled.

The Chairman (Mr. McGahon) said it might be that in the making of a hurried agreement some years ago an injustice had been done, and the matter was one for the rate-making authority. The ratepayers of County Meath had hitherto had responsibility for the poor of a portion of Drogheda town in which there was a great deal of poverty. If they were enjoying an increased agricultural grant from the Government because of that responsibility the grant should now be given to the community which had to pay the poor relief charges.

The matter was referred to the Louth County Council for inquiry.

Tyrone Flour Mill Fire.

Building Completely Gutted.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

COALISLAND, Thursday.

The extensive flour mill of Messrs. R. Stewart and Son, Coalisland, at Sorton, adjacent to Coalisland, valued at about £5,000, was this morning completely burned to the ground. The fire was first observed by Mr. John Stewart between 4 and 5 o'clock, when attending to a child which was ill. He ran out to the mill in his night attire and applied the fire extinguisher, but without avail. He then called his servant man, and sent him to Coalisland for the fire brigade and police. They succeeded in removing all the bag stuff, but two bins of corn were completely demolished. By this time the fire had got a complete hold of the entire building.

The fire originated in the fourth storey and burned downwards. The interior of the mill was pitch pine and other wood. A cylinder exploded and made a terrific noise, which could be heard for miles. The Coalisland Fire Brigade applied a line of hose, but this was insufficient to cope with the fire, and, after some hours of hard work, nothing remained but the shell of the mill.

The mill is used for manufacturing flour and meal, and is driven by a turbine water wheel and lighted with electricity.

The Coalisland Fire Brigade, under Captain Lytle and Vice-Captain Daly, assisted by Sergeant O'Sullivan and Constable Blackmore, rendered all the assistance in their power.

The mill was partially covered by insurance. Some expensive, up-to-date machinery was installed recently.

Insurances at low rates with Phœnix Assurance Co., Ltd., 10-12 Trinity street, Dublin.—R. H. Bolton, Manager. Agents everywhere. —(Advt.)

Kildare Health Board.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

NAAS, Thursday.

Despite the fact that the Free State Minister for Local Government and Public Health had expressly ordered them to make provision in the estimates of 1932-33 for a district hospital in Athy, the Kildare Health Board has postponed consideration of the matter for twelve months.

The Chairman (Mr. P. Phelan), in proposing that they adhere to their original resolution postponing the matter, said that there would be an increase in the estimates for next year under the heads of providing employment for able-bodied men, liquidation of liabilities, etc., and to further increase that burden would make the rates an unbearable impost. The County Hospital Union was fully equipped for the treatment of all except maternity cases, and to duplicate these services would, he thought, be a very unnecessary expenditure.

Mr. A. C. Bergin said that he was sure if the Minister was informed of the true state of affairs he would take a different view.

Mr. Fitzsimons seconded the Chairman's resolution, and said that there was grave need for economy at the present time. "I fail to see," he added, "how anyone with the interests of the ratepayers at heart could come here and suggest increased expenditure on a hospital."

The motion was carried by five votes to three.

Greystones Woman Missing.

Mrs. E. Evans, of Springmount, Greystones, County Dublin, left her home on Tuesday morning at eleven o'clock saying that she was going shopping, and has not been heard of since. An S.O.S. message was broadcast from the Dublin Station on Tuesday and Wednesday without result.

When last seen, Mrs. Evans was close to the sea, and it is feared that she may have fallen in near the bathing place. Wicklow and Arklow Harbour authorities have been notified of the disappearance, and a close watch is being kept.

The Marketing of Honey.

Holding Stocks for a Rise in Price.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

ENNISCORTHY, Thursday.

At a meeting of the County Wexford Beekeepers' Association yesterday the Chairman (Mr. C. W. Lett) referred to the difficulty of getting beekeepers to profit by experience in marketing honey. Despite the fact that the Association warned the members early last season that honey would be scarce and that supplies should be held, as it was expected that prices would go up, a number of beekeepers sold too early. With all that was being done to show people how to market their honey, they were slow to take advantage. It was the same with the turkeys this year. People who sold early at 11d. a lb. could have had 1s. 4d. a lb. if they had waited.

Mr. P. F. O'Byrne, instructor in beekeeping, referring to the difficulty of the small beekeeper in storing honey for an improved market, said that some of the larger beekeepers bought honey from the smaller people at 1s. and 1s. 4d. a section, and sold it afterwards at 20s. a dozen.

Mr. O'Byrne said that too high a price would make honey a luxury, and a more moderate price would be better for trade.

The Chairman said that he sent some to a charity fête recently, and 3s. 3d. was charged per section. The demand was so good that twenty times the amount could have been sold at a bigger price. If anyone had honey at present he believed a very good price could be obtained, because there were many people who would buy Irish or English honey in preference to any other kind.

Pork in Lurgan weekly market yesterday sold at 45s. per cwt.—an increase of 1s. since the Christmas markets.

Road Repairs Stopped.

Threats by Masked Men.

WHEN submitting his annual estimate to the Clare County Council, Mr. Frank Dowling, County Surveyor, said he had recently employed a road labourer, named Kinley, to repair the road in the Clooney (East Clare) district, as they had failed to get a contractor to take it. Kinley worked for three or four days, but one day while on the road he was approached by four masked men and warned to cease work on the road and have no more to do with it. Since then they had been unable to get any suitable person to work the road, which was now in a terrible condition. Five or six families lived on the sides of the road, but as far as the general public were concerned this particular road could be very well omitted from the Council's road scheme.

Mr. Melody said he would be in favour of adopting the County Surveyor's recommendation to omit the road from the scheme if the masked men had really been a fact.

Mr. Dowling replied that Kinley was a poor labourer, and he knew that he was an honest man. He had been in receipt of 35s. a week for working that road, and he would not have ceased work only that he was afraid to continue.

Mr. Melody—I have been told that the man was not interfered with one way or another.

Mr. Dowling—There is no question about it. He was interfered with. For years back there has been blackguardism going on in connection with that particular road.

Consideration of the County Surveyor's estimate and recommendation was adjourned to the annual road meeting, to be held on 28th January.

IRISH NEWS IN BRIEF.

The price of eggs at Thomastown has dropped to 1s. per dozen.

The price of pigs in Wexford has increased to 35s. per cwt. live weight.

During the holidays a series of carnival dances were held at G.N.R. Hotel, Bundoran, and proved a great success.

Diphtheria and typhoid fever have broken out in Enniskillen. A number of cases have been removed to hospital.

The death took place yesterday of Mrs. Mary Tisdall, widow of the late William Newburgh Tisdall, of Donemark House, Bantry, Co. Cork, in her ninety-eighth year.

Thomas Thompson, 12 Wesley street, was at Derry yesterday fined £1, with £1 costs, for carrying on a dairy not properly cleaned or ventilated.

For selling milk 11.3 per cent. deficient in milk fat, Patrick Jackson, 9 Fahan street, and William Doherty, 49 Fahan street, were at Derry each fined £1, with £1 costs.

Mr. John Bloomfield, Brookeborough, has completed fifty-four years' service as a Sunday School teacher in Agharea Parish, Brookeborough.

Cork Constitution R.F.C. held their annual dance last night at the Imperial Hotel Cork. The annual dance of Dolphin R.F.C. took place on the same evening, and was held at the Arcadia Ballroom

Miss Wallace, of Dragowna P.E. School, Co. Fermanagh, has been appointed by the Finance Committee of the Fermanagh Regional Committee to Colebrooke P.E. School.

The following officers were elected at the annual meeting of the Skibbereen Comhairle Ceanntair of Fianna Fail:—Mr. J. Ross, Chairman; Mr. Owen McCarthy, Secretary; Messrs. Wm. Crowley and John McCarthy, Hon. Treasurers.

Mr. Dwane, hon. secretary of the Bantry Gun Club and Restocking Association, is about to obtain a few brace of French red-legged partridges from the Gaybird Pheasant Farm. These will be an innovation to the district. Heretofore the only partridges stocked were the Hungarian breed.

At a mass meeting of the Limerick branch of the National Union of Railwaymen, held at the Mechanics' Institute, a strong protest was registered against the practice of the railway company in reducing men from their superior grades while retaining them to perform their original work.

An inquest was opened and adjourned yesterday at Fermoy on Miss Margaret Sweeny, of Kilworth, Co. Cork, who died on Christmas Day as a result, it was alleged, of having been knocked down by a motor car. At a special court held the same day the driver, James O'Neill, was charged with manslaughter, and remanded on bail.

Two men, who during a dance in Derry Guildhall retired to the Northern Counties Hotel for a drink about 2.30 a.m., were at Derry to-day each fined 10s., and the hotel proprietor, Mr. G. S. Maxwell, who had left whiskey in charge of the "boots" for hotel guests, was fined £2 for breaking the Licensing Laws.

The Bishop of Derry and Raphoe (the Right Rev. Dr. Peacocke) has appointed the Rev. Canon P. C. Duncan, M.A., Carndonagh, to be Registrar of the United Diocese, in succession to the Archdeacon of Derry (the Ven. W. H. Holmes, LL.D.), who has been appointed to the Bishopric of Tuam.

At a County Meath Board of Health meeting the Chairman and Mr. M. J. Macken mentioned that they had received threats, the latter that his hay would be burned, because of the appointment of a Miss Maguire as dispensary nurse. At the same meeting an anonymous letter written from Kilkyre district in reference to an official of the Board was burnt unread.

The arrangement between the two Governments concerning cross-border cases of unemployment insurance was referred to at Derry yesterday, when Samuel C. Logan, Dundrain, Burnfoot, Co. Donegal, was fined 6d. for failing to stamp the cards of Thomas Hetherington, his milk vendor. The magistrates considered it an exceptional case, and recommended that the Belfast Ministry accept £5 to cover the arrears.

At Ballyhale and Muulinavat pig markets, fat pigs sold at 41s. per cwt., dead-weight.

Fat pigs at Gorey, Co. Wexford, on Thursday fetched 40s. per cwt. on the streets, an increase of 6s. in a week. Sellers seemed pleased with prices.

While a man named William Murphy was repairing a belting at the E.S.B. power-house at Albert road, Cork, his arm was struck by the revolving belting and fractured

The death occurred yesterday, at his residence, of Mr. William Goodison, gas fitter, Wexford, and a member of the Labour Party in the Corporation.

Of the seventy-two new houses built by the Athlone Urban Council, forty-four have been occupied and the remainder will be entered within the next few months.

Wexford County Council have agreed to appoint a deputation to meet representatives of Carlow County Council to consider the matter of the seizure of sheep, grazing on Blackstairs Mountains.

The death has occurred at Otteran place, Waterford, of Mr. George W. C. Baylor, a member of a well-known Fermoy family, a brother of Dr. Baylor, London, and of Colonel Baylor (retired), British Army.

Edward Geraghty, residing at Lahardane, Crossmolina, who has been missing from his home since Christmas Eve, has not yet been found. After being on a visit to a friend's house on Christmas Eve, he left to return to his employer at 8.30 p.m. When he did not return on Christmas Day his employer became alarmed, and reported the matter to the Guards.

The following are some of those who won prizes in the Limerick Development Association Christmas Shopping competition:—Miss Margaret O'Connor, 19 Glentworth street, Limerick, first prize, £50; Miss Bridie Guina, 5 Sir Harry's Mall, Limerick, third prize, £20; Mrs. Maloney, 27 Grattan street, Limerick, and Mrs. Brian O'Donnell, Gardenhill Castleconnell, £10 each; Mr. Kevin O'Brien, Limerick Hotel, Sarsfield street, Limerick, and Mrs. W. Griffin, No. 1 O'Sullivan's place, Limerick, £1 each. Neither the second prize of £30 nor three of £10 each have yet been claimed.

Burglary at a Creamery.

Tobacco and Biscuits Stolen.

A branch of the Cork and Kerry Creamery at Church Cross, near Skibbereen, was broken into a few nights ago, and large quantities of cigarettes, tobacco, biscuits, etc., valued at between £12 and £15, were stolen. It is believed entrance was gained to the building through a back window, and the robbers, finding themselves in a small store from which they failed to gain entrance to the general goods store, retired, and, going to the front of the building, entered through a small fanlight window over the main door. No arrests have yet been made.

Galway Wedding.

The wedding took place at St. Joseph's Parish Church, Galway, on Wednesday of Miss Emma Farrell, eldest daughter of Captain and Mrs. Farrell, New road, Galway, and Mr. W. J. Silke, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Silke, Dominick street and William street West, Galway.

The ceremony, followed by Nuptial Mass, was performed by the Very Rev. Canon Davis, P.P., assisted by the Rev. Professor Fahy, U.C.G., and Rev. E. Downing, St. Ignatius, Galway.

The bride wore a graceful frock of white georgette and lace, with a Juliet cap to match, and carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums. The bridesmaid, Miss Nellie Farrell (sister of the bride), wore a charming frock of blue georgette and lace, and also carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums.

Mr. Michael Silke, Sligo (uncle of the bridegroom), was best man. The bride was given away by her father, Captain Farrell.

Clergymen "Held Up."

Matter Being Investigated.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

KILKENNY, Thursday.

THE Civic Guard authorities in Kilkenny are at present investigating details of an occurrence which is alleged to have taken place on the morning of December 12, following a social dance held at the Protestant National School, Castlecomer, County Kilkenny. The information available points to the fact that some Roman Catholic civilians in the neighbourhood were refused admission to the dance. Catholic members of the Civic Guard were, it is stated, admitted. The organisers of the dance included the Rev. R. W. Briscoe, Rector of Castlecomer, and his curate, the Rev. R. Megahy.

TWO MEN.

The Rev. Mr. Briscoe left the dance shortly after 4 o'clock on that morning, and, with his wife and brother, motored to his residence in Main street, Castlecomer. He states that on arriving at his house his brother got out of the car to open the gate, and that while the car was stationry two masked men approached, and that one of them, placing a revolver before the wind screen, shouted "hand it out!" The suggestion is that they wanted the money that had been collected for admission to the dance. Mr. Briscoe states that he drove quickly into the yard, and that he saw two men going down the street in the direction of Coolbawn at a fast pace.

The Rev. Mr. Megahy has also made a statement in reference to the matter. He left the schoolhouse, he says, on his motor bicycle at about 4.50 a.m., and returned to his home in Castlecomer. When about to enter the gate a voice shouted "hands up." He saw two men, one in a crouching position, beside one of the pillars of the gate. This man shouted several times, "put them up." The other man caught Mr. Megahy by the arm, and said, "shove it out"; and replying to Mr. Megahy's question as to what he meant the men said "the money." Mr. Megahy told him that Mr. Briscoe had the money. The man whom he saw in a crouching position then fired a shot from a revolver.

"WE MUST GET IT."

Mr. Megahy was still sitting on his motor cycle, and one of the men catching him by the belt of his overcoat ordered him to get off it, and also directed him to open his coat, saying, "we must get it," or something to that effect. Mr. Megahy got off the bicycle, and pushed it towards the man who was accosting him, and then ran away. He afterwards discovered that one of the tyres and tube of his motor cycle had been cut.

Other statements, it is understood, have been taken from suspected persons.

Chief Superintendent Murphy, Kilkenny, and Superintendent Ryan, Castlecomer, visited the district, and as a result of their inquiries immediate developments are expected.

Bank Manager's Retirement.

Mr. William Kerr, manager of the Ulster Bank, Portadown, has retired, after forty-five years' service. His first appointment was to the Belturbet branch in 1887. He was afterwards stationed in Monaghan for sixteen years, and in 1910 was appointed manager of the Castlepollard branch, County Westmeath. Since coming to Portadown in 1922 he made many friends and was deservedly popular with the customers of the bank. A leading member of St. Mark's Church, he was honorary treasurer of the Select Vestry, and acted in a similar capacity for the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee. A keen golfer, he was captain of the Portadown Club in 1930.

Mr. Kerr is succeeded in Portadown by Mr. J. T. Scarlett, who has been manager of the Carrickmacross branch for the past two years.

The Poppy Day appeal under the auspices of the Baltinglass British Legion Committee totalled £132 9s. 2d.

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MADAME O'CONOR.

Ellen, Madame O'Conor, widow of the late Right Hon. C. O. The O'Conor Don, died at her residence, Granite Hall, Kingstown, yesterday. She was a daughter of the late Mr. J. L. More O'Ferrall, of Granite Hall and Lissard, Edgeworthstown, and was the second wife of The O'Conor Don. The funeral will be private.

MR. STANLEY LANE-POOLE.

Mr. Stanley Edward Lane-Poole, Litt.D., the Orientalist, archæologist and biographer, died on Tuesday night at his residence in Brompton square, London, at the age of 77. Mr. Lane-Poole was educated privately and at Oxford, and, before taking his degree, worked in the Coin Department of the British Museum. He was sent on Government archæological expeditions, and was employed for two years by the Egyptian Government in research work at Cairo. In 1879 Mr. Lane-Poole married Charlotte Bell, daughter of Mr. David Wilson, of Ballymoney, Co. Antrim. She died in 1905, leaving two sons and a daughter. From 1898 till 1904 Mr. Lane-Poole was Professor of Arabic at Trinity College, Dublin, and for part of that time was secretary of the Council of the Royal Irish Academy. Among his publications are a number of biographies and a great Arabic lexicon, which had been left incomplete on the death of his great-uncle, Mr. E. W. Lane, who had started it.

NEW YEAR BABIES.

Up to the time of going to press only four new year babies had been born in Dublin hospitals. Shortly after twelve o'clock a baby boy was born in the Coombe Hospital, and in the district covered by the hospital three other infants arrived—one boy and two girls.

There were no births in the Rotunda or the National Maternity Hospitals from midnight until three a.m.

THREE KILLED IN U.S. AIR CRASH.

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, Thursday.

It is reported that three persons were killed when an American Airways passenger 'plane crashed near here to-day.

Armagh City Council have decided to join with the other urban district councils in Northern Ireland, through the General Council of Municipal Authorities for Northern Ireland, in opposin the application of the Great Northern Railway and the bus companies for a revision of fares.

Official announcement by the Shell Group and the Anglo-Persian Group

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Imperial Tobacco Co. Dance — Mansion House, 8 p.m.
Howth Golf Club Dance—Metropole, 9 p.m.
AMUSEMENTS.
Gaiety Theatre—"Humpty Dumpty."
Olympia Theatre—"Dick Whittington and his Cat."
Abbey Theatre—"Rejected Loyalty."
Gate Theatre—"Mogu of the Desert."
Peacock Theatre—"Alice in Wonderland."
Metropole—"Daddy Long-Legs" and "Two Crowded Hours."
Savoy Cinema—"The White Man."
Corinthian Cinema — "The Spirit of Notre Dame."
Theatre Royal—Variety.
Pavilion Cinema, Dun Laoghaire—"The Man They Couldn't Arrest."
Grafton Cinema—"Up for the Cup."
Capitol Cinema — "The Girl Habit" and "Hell Bent for Frisco."

The Irish Times.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 1932.

NEWS SUMMARY.

IRELAND.

There was a sharp increase in the price of pigs in Dublin and in other markets in the Free State yesterday.—(Page 7.)

A plea for a better understanding between Protestants and Roman Catholics in Northern Ireland is made by General Montgomery.—(Page 5.)

Repairs to a roadway in County Clare have been abandoned owing to a road worker having been threatened by a masked man.—(Page 5.)

The "hold-up" of two clergymen after a dance at Castlecomer on December 12th is being investigated by the local Guards, and early developments are expected.—(Page 5.)

Dublin ushered in the New Year in the customary manner. Large crowds moved about the streets until well after midnight.—(Page 7.)

GREAT BRITAIN.

The New Year Honours List announces the creation of five new Peers, three Privy Councillors, three Baronets, twenty-eight Knights, and one Companion of Honour.—(Page 7.)

The Premier, in a New Year message, wishes the people of Great Britain a strenuous new year. He speaks of hard days ahead and the need for determination in overcoming them.—(Page 5.)

A special supplement to the *London Gazette* last night announced the King's pleasure that the Princess Mary (Countess of Harewood) shall bear the style and title of Princess Royal.—(Page 7.)

ABROAD.

Mr. Gandhi made a final offer to the Viceroy early this morning, and failing a favourable response, plans are ready for a resumption of the civil disobedience campaign for the attainment of Indian independence.—(Page 8.)

FINANCIAL.

London Stock markets were firm all round. The feature was a sharp rise in British Funds.—(Page 11.)

In Lombard street borrowers paid 6 per cent. at the opening, but afterwards 5 to 4½ per cent. was the ruling rate. Discounts were easier.—(Page 11.)

The Dublin Stock market was very quiet, and business remained on a small scale.—(Page 11.)

The New Year.

To-day the world turns its back very gladly upon the year 1931. It has been a year of crisis, confusion and hair-breadth escapes, and it has bequeathed to its successor a truly formidable array of national and international problems. Great Britain has saved herself by the defeat of Socialism, but 1932 must tell us whether her new Government is adequate to her needs. The fate of India may be decided in the coming year, and, indeed, not only the fate of that half-continent, but the fate of all the continents. In 1931 the world discovered two things—that it shared a common danger and that its statesmanship was bankrupt. The Great War, if it has not ended war, has failed very narrowly to achieve the end of organised society. Wealth has ceased to mean power, progress or contentment. Crippled nations pay huge war debts to creditor nations, which take no profit from their hoarded gold. There are more hungry children to-day in New York than in Berlin. Industry is paralysed everywhere because every State has raised tariff walls for the protection of a trade which continues to dwindle. The situation thus created has become almost intolerable, and the destinies of the human race hang upon the events of 1932.

We assume—we dare not assume otherwise—that the instinct of self-preservation will prevail. The coming year must see at least a mitigation of war debts, at least a serious effort for the revival of international trade, and at least an honest attempt to hasten disarmament and to vindicate the authority of the League of Nations. Sustained by this assurance, we may face the new year with hope and courage. It will be a momentous year for the British Commonwealth. The Statute of Westminster has set the Empire on new bases of good-will and common interest. Parallel with the revival of the world's trade, which we may expect from a sane settlement of war debts, the British Empire will concert measures for the improvement of trade within its own ample borders. From the forthcoming conference at Ottawa may spring an Empire prosperous, largely self-contained, making enormous contributions to its own welfare and to the peace and progress of the world. Our own island is a small part of that Empire, but it claims our closest thoughts and our most ardent visions. For the Free State and for Northern Ireland 1932 will be among the most critical of years. The tremendous question which the Free State must answer during the coming months is whether she will be a full partner in the grandeur and wealth of the Imperial Commonwealth or an Ishmael on its outskirts. Her general election will decide her choice between a barren idealism and the boundless opportunities of the British market.

It is, we think, a coincidence of favourable omen that this year, so pregnant with good or ill for Ireland's material concerns, will carry her back to the proudest aspect of her origins. From March onwards, in both Irish States, all our Churches will pay homage to the memory of Saint Patrick. The Church of Ireland will dedicate a new temple to his fame, and the Archbishop of Canterbury will preach in Armagh Cathedral. In June the Eucharistic Congress will be held in Dublin—such a Congress, attended by so huge a gathering, and adorned with such ecclesiastical pomp and dignity, as Roman Catholic Ireland has not witnessed in all the ages of her loyalty to the Vatican. These commemorations will be not only a source of joy and pride to Ireland; they will invest her with a solemn duty. At a time when atheism is rampant in the world, when scientific doubt is sapping old convictions, when, in so many countries, faiths and empires seem like wrecks of a dissolving dream, our country once more will be presented to the world as holy Ireland. We are happy to-day in our comparative freedom from economic troubles; by these ceremonies we shall claim to be happier still in our lofty station as a surviving stronghold of the Christian faith. If we are good Irishmen, we shall strive to live up to this claim. We shall not tear Saint Patrick's mantle to pieces in our struggle to possess it; we shall not invite cynical witnesses of our religious wrangles to say, "See how these Christians love one another." Protestant and Roman Catholic, we shall find new contacts in our common heritage of belief, and shall unite to justify that belief by our political and social works. During 1932 the Free State's attack on the housing problem will be a test of her faith and morals, and the clearance of half-a-dozen slum areas in Dublin may become our noblest tribute to Saint Patrick. On this note of hope, gratitude and responsibility we wish a happy New Year to all our readers.

Revenue Returns.

The Treasury returns of the Free State and Great Britain for the nine months which ended last night tell similar tales. Neither is wholly satisfactory, but neither is so bad as it appears at first sight. Mr. Blythe is faced to-day with a deficit of £2,099,178, representing the difference between an expenditure of £18,860,504 and a revenue of £16,761,326. Both the expenditure and revenue figures are in excess of those recorded twelve months ago, but the slight increase in receipts, due largely to Customs, does not counterbalance the greater outgoings, which may be attributed in a measure to the heavy demands for "services." Last night the Exchequer had £247,931, whereas the carry-over on April 1st was £1,841,083. It must be remembered, however, that the latter amount was made up mostly of the remains of the Third Loan. The Government has borrowed the necessary money for immediate needs by the issue of £600,000 in Exchequer bills. Nevertheless, there is no reason to suppose that the Free State's Budget will not balance on March 31st. In the first place, the Supplementary Budget, introduced last autumn, scarcely has had time in which to produce results. Secondly, the last quarter of the financial year always is a "fat" season when the collection of income tax is concerned. This item hitherto has fallen short of the estimate, but a certain confidence exists that now it will make up lee-way. Very notable decreases in revenue, both in the Free State and in Great Britain, are shown under the headings of Stamp and Estate Duties and Excise. Here the condition of world trade manifests itself. The value of property has fallen, and the commercial stagnation has been reflected in the Stock Exchanges, which are the main supports of the stamp duties. Great Britain's deficit is £203,752,903. Her revenue for the last nine months was £394,541,581, while her expenditure, if we include the sinking fund, was £598,294,484. Though this deficit is £23,152,416 more than it was on the corresponding date in 1930, no real alarm is felt; for, as in the case of the Free State, much is expected of the remaining quarter. Mr. Neville Chamberlain hopes to collect some £40,000,000 from new taxation imposed by the September Budget, about £23,000,000 which is due to be paid into the Exchequer from the exchange account, and large sums from income tax and surtax. A further justification for comfort lies in the fact that Britain's floating debt of £727,480,000, if it has increased by £133,155,000 since March 31st, is £39,705,000 less than it was a year ago. Furthermore, expenditure to-day is well under control. Mr. Blythe and Mr. Chamberlain, no doubt, have an anxious time before them; but, while rigid economy remains vital, signs exist that the nadir may be past.

Pawnbrokers.

To the casual eye pawnbrokers' premises would seem to constitute an overwhelmingly large proportion of the shops of any city in these islands. The reason is, perhaps, that the emblem of their trade stands forth more conspicuously than the humble title affixed to the ordinary shop's front. It is somewhat surprising to learn that in so large an area as London—even when the suburbs are excluded—no more than 213 pawnbrokers carry on business. The last decade has taken a heavy toll of the trade. In 1913 the London Post Office Directory recorded the names of 278 practitioners, and at the end of the War that number had diminished by only a dozen. Since then, however, there has been a steady decrease. The present number, 213, represents a decline of nearly five *per cent.* on 1930, and is ten *per cent.* less than the figure for 1929; and the decrease has gained momentum during the past twelve months. When a reporter from the *Morning Post* visited one of the survivors recently, he found the shop stacked from floor to ceiling with goods, but no business was being done. As this pawnbroker lamented, a new generation is growing up which knows not "uncle." It has lost the old habit of putting goods into pawn on Monday morning and redeeming them on Saturday night. The trade depression, apparently, is to blame. People who normally would be regular customers put their goods into pawn and then are unable to redeem them; thus customers are lost, and the pawnbroker is hit heavily, since the abandoned goods are generally unsaleable. Soon, our authority believes, the pawnbroker will have become extinct in England. What will the Dickens of the future do then?

Life-Saving at Sea.

Even if the weather attained a general uniformity of badness during 1931, no gales of exceptional fury raged around the coasts of Great Britain and Ireland. Yet there were constant calls upon the services of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution—that sleepless body. In all, 269 lives were saved, and twenty-six vessels were rescued from destruction or were helped to safety by the Institution's boats. The busiest month was March, when forty-nine lives were saved, but a striking feature of the year's work was the prevalence of wrecks during the four summer months. In June, July, August and September no fewer than 107 lives were rescued—a startling total, when we consider that the number for the first four months of the year was only 104. Sixteen new motor lifeboats were completed and were sent to their stations during the year. Nine of them went to the English coast, three to Scotland, and one to the Isle of Man; the remaining three came to Ireland—to Clogher Head, Cloughey and Youghal. A fleet of 107 motor lifeboats and seventy-seven pulling and sailing lifeboats now keeps watch around the shores of these islands, and six new motor vessels are under construction. Theirs is a noble work, and Ireland may well be proud that her contributions assist it. The return that we receive is far more than proportionate to the amount of support given by Ireland—that is to say, of financial support; for nothing can exceed the devoted energy of the Irishmen who man the boats. Perhaps, we shall offer more liberal assistance to the Institution during the dawning year.

DEPORTED FROM UNITED STATES.

NUMBER OF BRITISH UNEMPLOYED.

When the liner President Harding arrived at Plymouth yesterday from New York teh immigration authorities refused to allow twenty-seven passengers to land.

They were members of a party of 191 people who had been deported or removed by the United States Government, which pays the fares home rather than have them unemployed in its borders. The majority of the deportees were British, ninety being bound from Glasgow.

Twenty-seven were aliens, and although their passports permitted them to visit England, the authorities would not allow them to land.

COURT AND PERSONAL.

The Prince of Wales, as patron of the National Council of Social Service, will preside at a national meeting at the Royal Albert Hall on January 27th.

The Marquess and Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava will receive a presentation from the townspeople of Bangor next Tuesday in honour of their marriage.

The Marchioness of Carisbrooke will be hostess at a children's party on January 12th in aid of the Margaret street Preventorium Fund for Women and Children. The Marquess and Marchioness de Portago have arrived in London from Biarritz.

Viscount and Viscountess Wimborne will return to Wimborne House, London, early next week from Ashby St. Ledgers. Lord and Lady Templemore will return to London about January 26th from Upton House, Alresford.

Lord and Lady Louth are entertaining a house party at Louth Hall, Ardee, for the new year. Among their guests are Sir John Prichard Jones and Mr. Randall Plunkett. Mr. and the Hon. Mrs. Loel Guinness will return to London next week from Hamsell House, Bath, where they spent the Christmas holidays.

Lady Glenconner has arrived at The Glen, Inverleithen, where Lord Glenconner will join her shortly. Lord Craigmyle will arrive in London this week from Craigmyle House, Deeside. The Dowager Lady Swaything, who has been visiting Japan and the Far East, will arrive in London on January 6th.

Sir Montague Barlow will return to London to-morrow from Paddockhurst, Sussex. Lady Latham and Sir Paul Latham, M.P., will return to London from Ceylon at the end of January.

Señora Alvaro Guevara, the elder daughter of Mr. Benjamin Guinness, gave birth to a daughter in Paris on December 29th.

The engagement between Thomas George Perry and Marjorie Constance (Peggy) Purkis has been broken off.

Dr. Madill has returned to 92 Merrion square.

Mr. Donald Craig has returned to No. 10 Fitzwilliam square.

For a limited period Mrs. F B Switzer has arranged to make Tailormade Gowns at very specially reduced prices.—38 Grafton st.

Eleanor Adair's Personal Representative from London will be in attendance at Switzers Hairdressing Department and Beauty Salon from to-day's date for Consultations and Beauty Treatments.

Stocktaking Reduction Model Jaeger Sports Suits.—Holmes'.

At Stocktaking Sale Prices—Chilprufe Underwear for father, mother and children. Booklet free.—W. Holmes and Co., 69/71 George's street, Dublin. 'Phone 51282. Jaeger—Underwear. Outerwear. Holmes'.

Margaret Watson's Sale now on. Wonderful value in Wool Frocks, Three-piece Suits and Winter Coats.—17A Dawson street.

Mathieson, Dawson street—All our valuable stock greatly reduced on and from January 1st, 1932.

Genuine Reduction Sale of all goods.—McManus, 125 Stephen's Green.

Slyne's Sale. Slashing reductions in all departments.—Slyne's, Ltd., Grafton street and Harry street.

PASSENGERS BY ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.

Among the arrivals were:—Miss Sheelah Horan, D. J. Horan, Mr. and Mrs. R. Walsh, Miss Nelly Higgins, E. G. More O'Ferrall, W. H. Bull, the Rev. R. E. Weir, Stuart Weir, Dr. and Mrs. Raphael Sherrard, Miss N. Jamison, Samuel Jacob, R.S.C.I.; Isidore Shreider, Louis Hyman, A. Pym, J. J. Ryan, Mrs. Elias Karmel, A. W. Hewett, R. O. V. Thompson, and Dr. G. E. Pepper.

Among the departures were:—Mrs. Thomas Fitzgerald, Mrs. Tilly Wills, Miss Lilian Revington, Miss M. Pyke, Arthur W. Pullen, Mr. and Mrs. Bannatyne, Dr. J. F. Wilde, Lieut.-Commander G. R. Deverell, R.N.; Miss Hilda Carey, Surgeon-Lieut.-Commander A. E. Phillips, R.N., O. L. Boland, Miss Jacob, Miss Montgomery, Miss E. Gordon, Captain and Mrs. C. E. Fry, Dr. and Mrs. F. C. Nicholl, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Bateman, Elissa Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. T. Hall, and Mrs. E. M. Knowles.

PASSENGERS BY B. AND I LINE, VIA LIVERPOOL.

Among the arrivals were:—Leo Lonsdale, L. O'Reilly, T. Ryan, G. Morgan, J. C. Weir, E. Wilson, Martin Gleeson, H. Darbe, T. White, Dr. R. C. Lowe, R. O'Connor, C. O. Pickering, A. H. Swan, C. J. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Palmer, C. D. Redmond, Mr. and Mrs. McFarland, Mr. and Mrs. Gilney, Mrs. Barry, Mr. and Mrs. Waylett, H. Swan, Mr. and Mrs. Darby, T. Hartley, W. Dawson, G. Preece, P. Ryan, L. Lonsdale, Father Lawless, Mrs. Meyers, J. Kane, H. Silmer, Miss Sullivan, S. B. Potter, J. P. Harkins, the Rev. and Mrs. J. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Kearns, Miss W. Murphy, Mrs. Cheall, Dr. and Mrs. Molony, Miss M. Wall, R. Stewart, Miss French Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Wine, O. White, Mr. and Mrs. Kearls, and Mr. and Mrs. Byrne.

Among the departures were:—H. P. Taylor, R. Williams, Dr. A. McMann, C. J. O'Reilly, W. Mullan, the Rev. Fr. T. Kilroy, Miss E. McKee, Dr. Wilson, Dr. R. C. Lowe, Miss M. J. Mooney, Miss A. K. Watterson, J. Clarke, F. Harrop, T. Parke, W. E. V. Mulcahy Morgan, Dr. Morrin, Captain and Mrs. J. G. Woods, Mr. and Mrs. Wellesley, L. Haughton, Mrs. and Miss Doherty, Mr. and Mrs. Watt, Miss P. Campbell, Miss Berrill, Miss Fanshaw, P. Kileen, T. Calvert, J. Garner, and Wanderers R.F.C. team.

Mansfield Sisters' Sale starts on Friday, January 1st. This Sale is a genuine Sale for the sole purpose of clearing the remainder of our regular stocks in Millinery, Gowns, Coats, Suits, etc. 28 Wicklow street.

Bring your Boys and Youths to us for bargains in Clothing and Outfitting to be had at our Genuine Sale which is now on.—"Our Boys'" House, 24 Wicklow street.

Carpet Squares in great variety. Prices moderate.—Millar and Beatty.

WEATHER FORECAST.

General Inference.—An anti-cyclone lies south-west and south of the British Isles. A depression moving north-east near Iceland will influence the British Isles. Drizzle or rain locally will be experienced in the west and north. In the south-east weather will be mainly fair; cold at first, with some fog or mist, but becoming milder.

North-West, North-East, South-East and South-West Ireland.—Moderate to strong south-westerly wind; cloudy; local drizzle; mild.

Sea Passages.—Irish Sea and St. George's Channel.—Fresh south-westerly wind; cloudy; local drizzle; sea moderate; local coastal mist or fog early.

Dixon and Hempenstall. Barometers and Thermometers. 12 Suffolk street, Dublin.—(Advt.)

DUBLIN WEATHER REPORT.

Date.	Bar.	Thermometer. Temp. 9 p.m.	Max.	Min.	Grass Min.	Wind.	Rain. in m.	Sun hours
25	30.477	53.1	55	49	45	W.	0.6	0.0
26	30.322	50.5	54	50	47	W.	—	0.0
27	29.968	49.4	51	48	47	W.S.W.	—	0.9
28	29.668	35.8	51	35	40	W.	2.7	0.7
29	29.771	36.0	40	34	31	W.	3.1	0.8
30	30.081	33.5	38	32	27	W.	—	1.9
31	30.004	44.5	45	32	28	S.	—	0.6

THE SUN.

	To-day.	To-morrow.
Rises	8.4	8.40
Sets	4.16	4.17
Lighting-up Time	5.16	5.17

HIGH WATER—DUBLIN.

Morning	4.44	5.54
Evening	5.10	6.23

INTERCESSION FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—The House of Bishops of the Church of Ireland has, at the request of the General Synod, appointed a Sunday on which there shall be special intercession for Christian Unity. The day chosen is January 10th, the first Sunday after Epiphany.

Prayers appropriate to the occasion will be found in the first four amongst the Prayers and Thanksgivings, and in the Collect of the Feast of St. Simon and St. Jude. It should be remembered that the Lord Primate, also at the request of the General Synod, appointed a Committee to confer with a similar Committee appointed by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland on the question of reunion in Ireland. This joint Committee is being summoned to meet in Dublin on January 21st. It is hoped that this important occasion will be remembered by Church people generally in their intercessions on the 10th inst.—Yours, etc.,

T. W. E. DRURY, Honorary Secretary, Home Reunion Committee of the General Synod.

Dublin, December 31st, 1931.

"A STRENUOUS NEW YEAR."

PREMIER ON HARD DAYS AHEAD.

COMING BACK FROM LANDS OF MAKE-BELIEF

The Prime Minister, in a special New Year's message, issued last night, says:—

"Few will be sorry to part with 1931, and yet it has enabled us to show once more that under trial and test we can endure.

"So now let us face the next stage, 1932, in good heart. It may have some hard days in store for us, but we shall get through them. We must pull together, however, and we must go back a good long way to simpler ways of living and more sturdy ideas of independence and of work and service.

"It would be a special blessing if 1932 dicted a better international understanding. For years we have been living in lands of make-belief.

BUDGETS ON BORROWING.

"The nations have built up Budgets upon borrowing and tribute, and, having started, they have been afraid to return to safer ways. In what seemed their own interests, they have been steadily paralysing international trade, and now the wheel comes round full circle, and the world is moving through a state of confusion and unsettlement, unparalelled since the age of industrial and civil settlement came.

"1932 is to give the nations another chance of laying new foundations which are sound, and of coming to new agreements which will not restrict, but expand, prosperity.

"Moving from the habitation and life of the war mind to those of the brotherhood and this family mind may be troublesome, and people may be timorous in face of the new assumptions of security and well-being that they will have to make.

"They may be afraid to meet and master some of the first consequences, but the alternative to making 1932 a landmark in enlightened policy is to make it a landmark in the deterioration of our civilisation, in the destitution of our people, and in the disintegration of the settled government and order of the world.

A STRENUOUS NEW YEAR.

"Instead of wishing the people a happy New Year, I wish them a strenuous New Year, a New Year of vigilant observation, of sound thinking, and of masterly action, a New Year of international co-operation, for only by mutual helpfulness and accommodation can the end of 1932 be rescued from the clouds which darken its beginning.

"And this work must not be left to a few people representing governments; they must be sustained by enlightened public opinion in every land, knowing exactly what it is driving at and vociferous and alive in its determination to get it."

FROM LONDON.

The following was issued officially in London:—

PRIME MINISTER'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE.

"The year we have just rung out has not been one on which we shall gladly dwell in our memories. It has been a year of crisis and of hard struggle which has borne heavily on all sections of the community, to prevent crisis from developing into catastrophe. I am afraid that in many a home this Christmas the severity of the time has made itself harshly felt.

"One bright feature, however, has distinguished the old year—the determined and gallant way in which the great mass of the people have recognised the difficulties that confront the country, and have braced themselves to face them. The task to which all of us have to bind ourselves is to keep that spirit alive till we win through to better times. The Government faces the New Year determined to act in a manner worthy of the confidence so freely given to it, and I hope that the nation will appreciate the difficulty and complexity of the problems we have to tackle, and will continue to give us their understanding support.

"J. RAMSAY MACDONALD."

HOGMANAY GREETINGS

TELEPHONED TO FRIENDS.

The Prime Minister celebrated hogmanay with his family at Lossiemouth. After having been busy in his study on affairs of State throughout the day he went "first footin'"—the Scottish term for the exchange of New Year's greetings. With Miss Ishbel and Miss Joan Macdonald he visited friends in the district, saw the New Year in with them, and on the stroke of midnight telephoned New Year greetings to friends in England. He thus engaged not only in "first footin'", but in "first working" by 'phone.

Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, Parliamentary Under Secretary for the Dominions, who has been spending Christmas with his father at the Hillocks, Lossiemouth, was unable to remain with the family party for hogmanay, having had to return to London to attend a meeting of the Empire Marketing Board.

If his duties permit the Prime Minister will attend to-morrow a ploughing match, to be held at a farm at Muirton, in the Parish of Drainie, where he attended school as a boy.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD.

PROVINCIAL SHOWROOMS CLOSED DOWN.

As from to-day the showrooms used by the Electricity Supply Board for the display of electric light fittings and other equipment to be used in the home or factory, will be closed down in Tralee, Sligo, Kilkenny, and other centres in the Free State. The decision, which was foreshadowed some weeks ago in the *Irish Times*, is in pursuance of the economic policy of the Board.

These showrooms were fitted with all the latest electrical equipment, and demonstrated in the most attractive manner the various uses to which electricity could be put, and as such demonstration centres they were of inestimable service in attracting business and inducing people to use more and more electricity in the home.

The decision to close down the showrooms in the provincial towns will come as a surprise to some, but, as Mr. Browne, the Chairman of the Board, explained yesterday, closing down was necessary in the interests of economy. Unlike other countries, the Free State does not subsidise showrooms of this kind, and the Board being, as a matter of fact, forbidden by the Act of the Oireachtas to keep open any such places which did not pay their way, had no option.

In districts of which a town like Tralee is the centre, these showrooms are a decided advantage at the inauguration of the scheme for electric lighting, and by displaying fittings for lighting and heating, they are helpful to people venturing

NEW YEAR HONOURS LIST.

PRINCESS MARY CREATED PRINCESS ROYAL.

NEW PEERS AND PRIVY COUNCILLORS.

THREE BARONETS AND MANY KNIGHTS.

THE New Year Honours List, issued last night, contains the names of five new Peers—Mr. Reginald Clifford Allen, Lieutenant-Colonel Wilfrid Ashley, Mr. Walter Guinness (son of the first Earl of Iveagh), Mr. Leif Jones and Sir William Mitchell-Thomson—all created Barons, while Baron Sankey (Lord Chancellor) becomes a Viscount.

The new peerages involve two by-elections. Three of the five Peers are Conservatives, one is a Liberal and one a Labour member.

Three Privy Councillors, three Baronets, twenty-eight Knights and a Companion of Honour (Mr. John Buchan, the novelist) also figure in the list.

A special supplement to "The London Gazette" contains the following announcement:—

"The King has been graciously pleased to declare that His Majesty's daughter, Her Royal Highness Princess Victoria Alexandra Alice Mary (Countess of Harewood), shall henceforth bear the style and title of Princess Royal."

The title, Princess Royal, has been in abeyance since the death of the King's eldest sister, Princess Louise Duchess of Fife, on January 4, 1931.

Several names well known in Northern Ireland figure in the list.

THE FIVE NEW BARONS.

The following are the principal names in the list:—

VISCOUNT.

THE RIGHT HON. JOHN BARON SANKEY, G.B.E., Lord Chancellor since 1929.

BARONS.

REGINALD CLIFFORD ALLEN, Treasurer and Chairman of the Independent Labour Party, 1922-26. For political and public services.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL THE RIGHT HON. WILFRID WILLIAN ASHLEY, J.P., D.L., M.P. Member of Parliament for Blackpool 1906-18, for Fylde 1918-22, and for New Forest and Christchurch since 1922; Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Transport, 1922-23; Under-Secretary of State for War, 1923-24; Minister of Transport, November, 1924, to June, 1929. For political and public services.

THE RIGHT HON. WALTER EDWARD GUINNESS, D.S.O. Member of Parliament for Bury St. Edmund's, 1907 to October, 1931.; Under-Secretary of State for War, October, 1922; Financial Secretary to the Treasury, 1923 to January, 1924, and November, 1924, to November, 1925; Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, November, 1925, to June, 1929. For political and public services.

THE RIGHT HON. LEIFCHILD STRATTON JONES. Member of Parliament for North Westmorland 1905-10, for the Rushcliffe Division of Nottinghamshire 1910-18, for the Camborne Division of Cornwall 1923-24 and 1929-31. For political and public services.

THE RIGHT HON. SIR WILLIAM LOWSON MITCHELL-THOMSON, Bart., K.B.E., M.P. Member of Parliament for North-West Lanark 1906-10, for North Down 1910-18, for Maryhill 1918-22, and for South Croydon since 1923; Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food, 1920-21, and to the Board of Trade, 1921-22; Postmaster-General, 1924-29. For political and public services.

PRIVY COUNCILLORS.

MAJOR WALTER ELLIOT ELLIOT, M.C., D.Sc., LL.D., M.B., Ch.B., M.P. Member of Parliament for Lanark, 1918-23, and for the Kelvingrove Division of Glasgow since 1924; Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Health for Scotland, 1923 to January, 1924, and November, 1924, to 1926; Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Scotland, 1926-29; Financial Secretary to the Treasury since August, 1931.

SIR THOMAS WALKER HOBART INSKIP, C.B.E., K.C., J.P., M.P. Member of Parliament for Central Bristol, 1918-29, and for the Fareham Division of Hampshire since February, 1931. Solicitor-General, November, 1922, to January, 1924; November, 1924, to March, 1928, and since August, 1931; Attorney-General, 1928-29.

COLONEL SIR CLIVE WIGRAM, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., C.S.I., Private Secretary and Extra Equerry to His Majesty.

BARONETS.

PERCY ALFRED HARRIS, D.L., M.P., Member of Parliament for the Harborough Division of Leicestershire, 1916-18, and for South-West Bethnal Green since 1922; Deputy Chairman of the London County Council, 1915-16, and still a member. For political and public services.

SIR HARRY HOPE, J.P., Member of Parliament for Buteshire 1910-18, for West Stirlingshire 1918-22, and for Forfar October, 1924, to October, 1931; President of the Scottish Chamber of Agriculture, 1908. For political and public services.

ARTHUR MICHAEL SAMUEL, J.P., M.P., Member of Parliament for Farnham since 1918; Parliamentary Secretary, Department of Overseas Trade, 1924-27, and Financial Secretary to the Treasury, 1927-29. For political and public services.

KNIGHTS.

CHARLES HAROLD BELLMAN, M.B.E., Managing Director of the Abbey Road Building Society.

FREDERICK HENRY BERRYMAN, Chairman of the Somerset County Council, Vice-Chairman of the Highways Committee of the County Councils Association.

BERTRAM OKEDEN BIRCHAM, M.C., Solicitor to the Ministry of Labour.

CHARLES HENRY BLACKMORE, C.B.E., Secretary to the Cabinet of Northern Ireland, Private Secretary to the Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, and Clerk of the Privy Council of Northern Ireland.

GEORGE BUCKSTONE BROWNE, F.R.C.S., F.S.A.; purchased the house and grounds at Downe, Kent, where Charles Darwin lived, restored and endowed it, and gave it to the British Association in custody for the nation; has given very generous financial support to medical research work.

JOSEPH ROBERT CAHILL, C.M.G., Commercial Counsellor, His Majesty's Embassy, Paris.

HENRY HALLETT DALE, C.B.E., M.D., F.R.S., F.R.C.P., Director-in-Chief of the National Institute for Medical Research, Hampstead; Secretary to the Royal Society since 1925.

WILLIAM DARRACOTT, J.P. For political and public services in Kent.

PATRICK GEDDES, Emeritus Professor of Botany, St. Andrew's University; lately Bombay Government Professor of Sociology and Civics, University of Bombay. For services to education.

WILLIAM CLARKE HALL, Metropolitan Police Court Magistrate, Old street, and the Senior Magistrate of the Children's Courts in London.

JOHN ALEXANDER HAMMERTON, Editor of the "Universal Encyclopædia," "Universal History of the World," "Peoples of All Nations," etc.

RICHARD HOYLE JACKSON, J.P., Chairman of the Empire Cotton-Growing Corporation; Chairman of Hoyle and Jackson, Ltd., cotton spinners.

ARTHUR OLDHAM JENNINGS, M.B.E., J.P., Registrar of the Brighton County Court and District Registry; President of the Association of County Court Registrars since 1920.

ARTHUR PALMER JOHNSON, lately Clerk to the Hampstead Metropolitan Borough Council; President of the National Association of Local Government Officers since 1924.

JAMES KNOX, J.P., Lord Lieutenant of the County of Lanark.

ALFRED DAVID MCALPINE, J.P. For political and public services in North Wales.

THOMAS WILSON M'CARA, J.P., Secretary to the Newspaper Proprietors' Association, Ltd.

MAJOR PATRICK BERNARD MALONE, J.P. Member of Parliament for the South Tottenham Division of Middlesex, 1918-23 and 1924-29. For political and public services.

JAMES DUNCAN MILLAR, K.C., M.P. Member of Parliament for St. Andrew's Burghs 1910, for North-East Lanark 1911-18, for East Fifeshire 1922-24 and since 1929. For political and public services.

JAMES MILNE, C.S.I., General Manager Great Western Railway.

ERNEST WILLIAM MORRIS, C.B.E. Until recently House Governor of the London Hospital.

JOHN FITZGERALD MOYLAN, C.B., C.B.E., Receiver for the Metropolitan Police.

MAJOR CHARLES WILLIAM MACKAY PRICE, Member of Parliament for Pembrokeshire, 1924-29. For political and public services.

ERNEST DARWIN SIMON, Member of Parliament for the Withington Division of Manchester, 1923-24 and 1929-31; Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health in the first National Government. For political and public services.

HALLEY STEWART, J.P., Founder and Chairman of the Halley Stewart Trust Fund. For benefactions and social and public services.

HENRY SOLOMON WELLCOME, LL.D., F.S.A., Founder of the Wellcome Research Institution, Governing Director of the Wellcome Foundation, Founder of the Wellcome Tropical Research Laboratories, Khartoum. A generous supporter of medical research.

HENRY JOHN ARTHUR WILKINS, President of the Co-operative Wholesale Society, Ltd.

MAJOR MURDOCH MCKENZIE WOOD, O.B.E., M.P. Member of Parliament for Central Aberdeenshire, 1919-24 and for Banffshire since 1929; Assistant Whip (unpaid) since September, 1931. For political and public services.

COMPANION OF HONOUR.

JOHN BUCHAN, LL.D., M.P. For public, educational and literary services.

ORDER OF THE BATH.

KNIGHTS COMMANDER.

ADDITIONAL MEMBER.

THE HON. SIR DEREK KEPPEL, G.C.V.O., C.M.G., C.I.E., Master of His Majesty's Household and Extra Equerry since 1913.

ORDINARY MEMBERS.

(CHARLES) PATRICK DUFF, C.B., C.V.O., Principal Private Secretary to the Prime Minister.

PERCY JAMES GRIGG, Chairman of the Board of Inland Revenue.

SIR (SAMUEL) FINDLATER STEWART, K.C.I.E., C.S.I., Permanent Under-Secretary of State for India.

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

DAME GRAND CROSS.

ANNIE, DOWAGER VISCOUNTESS COWDRAY. In recognition of her numerous benefactions, particularly in connection with hospitals and the nursing profession.

DAME COMMANDER.

MISS MARGARET JANSON TUKE, M.A., late Principal Bedford College for Women.

HONORARY DAME COMMANDERS.

HER MAJESTY QUEEN SALOTE TUBOU, Queen of Tonga.

KNIGHTS COMMANDER.

AUGUSTUS MOORE DANIEL, M.A., M.B., Ch.B., Director of the National Gallery.

FREDERICK NORTON KAY MENZIES, M.D., F.R.C.P., Ed., D.Ph., F.R.S.E., Chief Medical Officer of the London County Council.

KNIGHTHOODS (DOMINIONS).

BENJAMIN DRAGE. For services in connection with the Imperial Institute and other public services.

WILLIAM GEORGE TOOP GOODMAN, M.I.C.E., M.I.E.E., M.I.E. (Aust.). For public services to the State of South Australia.

MAJOR JOHN EVELYN LESLIE WRENCH, C.M.G., Secretary of the Overseas League.

KNIGHTHOODS (INDIA).

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL RALPH EDWIN HOTCHKIN GRIFFITH, C.I.E., of the Political Department, Chief Commissioner and Agent to the Governor-General, North-West Frontier Province.

HAULVI RAFIUDDIN AHMAD, Barrister-

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PREPARING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION.

Good-bye To All That.

DUBLIN SEES 1931 OUT AND 1932 IN.

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

GOOD-BYE, 1931!

It has not been a happy or prosperous old year. In Ireland, as elsewhere, income tax went up and dividends went down. The pound collapsed, and there have been wars and rumours of wars. The motor races in Phœnix Park were drowned.

As if to cast a final damper on its passing, a mild rain fell dismally in Dublin up to eleven o'clock last night; but the temperature was warmer than for several nights past, and cheerful crowds turned out to celebrate the event.

Thousands spent the evening praying. Thousands spent it dancing. Churches were filled; dance halls were crowded, and everyone else seemed to be in the streets. At eleven o'clock O'Connell street, with its throngs of pedestrians and thick traffic, presented a busier spectacle than it has at such an hour for a whole twelve months, and busier, perhaps, than it will for another twelve months. An hour later it was deserted.

AT CHRISTCHURCH PLACE.

Then all the crowds had flocked to Christ Church place, where they have gathered to watch the passing of year after year. They poured up Dame street for twenty minutes in a living stream, and at least five thousand people were congregated under the shadow of the Cathedral when the "zero hour" drew nigh.

It was a gay, carnival crowd, and a crowd of youth. There were young men in fancy dress, with false noses and carnival masks; young men playing mouth organs and concertinas, and singing girls. Fireworks hopped about underfoot and exploded startlingly, to the consternation of the Guards and the delight of everyone else.

The bells of Christ Church, which had pealed intermittently from half-past eleven, chimed out at a quarter to twelve, and continued ringing until a few moments before midnight arrived. There was a short toll, and then all movement stopped in the crowd as the first strokes of midnight boomed out.

THE NEW YEAR.

We were at one of the portals of time, and in a moment would be stepping over that breadthless threshold which divided 1931 from 1932. . . . The last stroke of the bell quavered and died.

The voice of Dublin rose in a harsh cacophony, in which a dozen elements could be distinguished. Somewhere a bugle was calling; motor cars for miles around were sounding their horns; from the harbour came the shriek of ships' sirens; there was a weak, sporadic cheering among the crowd that lacked unanimity. The belfry remained silent for a few minutes, and then the bells leapt into sound again with a merry jingle of chimes which lasted for a quarter of an hour.

The crowds slowly melted away, but not to their homes, and O'Connell street once more became a busy thoroughfare, with its singing processions, one of them following a piper in Gaelic dress. Long after the metal tongues of the bells had ceased to clang they continued to celebrate the passing of a year that will not be soon forgotten.

Welcome, 1932!

A NEW BARON.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL WALTER GUINNESS.

FINLAND VOTING "WET."

PROHIBITION REPEAL DEMAND.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

HELSINGFORS, Thursday.

Although the final results will not be known for a few days, present indications show that the movement for the abolition of prohibition in Finland, which has been in force since 1919, has won a striking victory.

The election results from 158 South Finnish polling centres, including the cities of Helsingfors, Wiborg, Lahti and Fredrikshamn, are as follows:—

FOR CONTINUED PROHIBITION—28,000.
TOTAL ABOLITION—102,000.
PARTIAL ABOLITION—1,300.

In the 88 rural constituencies 78,953 voted for abolition, 905 voted "moist," and the prohibitionists polled 18,858 votes.

THE "LAST STRAW" IN CHICAGO?

LOSS OF £28,000,000 IN TAXES.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

NEW YORK, Thursday.

Chicago is faced with bankruptcy. The tax assessment rolls for 1928 and 1929 were to-day held to be invalid by the judge of the County Court on charges that half of the taxable property in the county had been omitted from assessment by the fraudulent appraisement of assessors.

The Court's decision means that the whole of the taxes left unpaid since 1928, in consequence of the taxpayers' strike, and amounting to £28,000,000, cannot now be collected and, in addition, the 1930 taxes, which are now due, will also probably be unpaid.

Note—For over two years the municipal finance of Chicago has been in an appalling condition, teachers and others being without salaries for months, and urgent payments only being met by debentures by public-spirited citizens. This latest turn in the situation would appear to be the "last straw."

CANDIDATES FOR THE DAIL.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

WHAT MAY BE EXPECTED.

BY OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT.

THE year which opens to-day promises to be one of outstanding importance so far as the political future of the Irish Free State is concerned. We are on the eve of the fourth General Election since the State was established. For nearly ten years the party which supported the Treaty has directed the government of the State. Mr. William T. Cosgrave has during all that time held the onerous and responsible position of President of the Executive Council.

At the moment the Dail stands adjourned until the 10th February. The Senate will meet on the 20th of this month for the purpose of dealing with the concluding stages of some bills which it is considered desirable should be placed on the Statute Book. If these bills are approved without alteration, the way will be clear for the General Election. Should any changes be made, it will be necessary to summon the Dail again, to deal with the Senate's amendments. Assuming that the calling of the Dail will be unnecessary for this purpose, the general impression is that the dissolution of the Dail will be announced immediately after the 20th.

The date for nominations must be fixed within eight days after "the date of the proclamation declaring the calling of the Oireachtas"; and the polling day must be not earlier than six days, and not later than fourteen days, after the last day for nominations. The polling for University constituencies may be on different days.

The polling day is no longer a public holiday, nor is it confined to Mondays, as was prescribed in the first Electoral Act.

MANY CHANGES EXPECTED.

To judge by reports from the various constituencies, it seems highly probable that there will be a considerable number of changes in the *personnel* of the new Dail. New candidates are numerous, and, in view of the standing of some of those mentioned, it would seem that not a few will be aspirants for office if returned. Rumours are revived that, in the event of the Cumann na nGaedheal Party coming back to power, there will be more than one change on the Ministerial front bench. Certain Ministers, it is believed, will seek relief from their responsibilities, and in this respect some surprises may be looked for.

Membership of the Dail does not appear to attract women. So far, Mrs. Collins-O'Driscoll, sister of the late Michael Collins, has been the only woman to enter the Dail, while the Senate has had no fewer than four women members. No woman candidate other than Mrs. Collins-O'Driscoll has been mentioned as likely to enter the lists at the coming election.

Although there is no barrier in the Constitution or elsewhere against clerical candidates seeking membership of the Dail, none of any persuasion has hitherto offered himself. Recently it was mentioned that a clergyman of the Roman Catholic Church would contest a Dublin seat, but whether he will do so is still uncertain. In other countries clergy of the Church have been, and are, members of the Parliaments; but in the Free State it is very probable that the Church authorities would discourage such an adventure.

THE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS.

The result of the coming election will have important implications in connection with the Eucharistic Congress, which is to take place in Dublin in June next, and at which Roman Catholic delegations from all parts of the world will be present. The head of the new Government will have important social duties to perform in the reception and entertainment of distinguished representatives from abroad.

It is an open secret that the heads of the Church here had hoped that no election would take place until after that event; and, no doubt, President Cosgrave would have been glad to co-operate in this respect if circumstances, of which he is the best judge, had not made an appeal to the constituencies at the present time imperative.

FINANCES AT END OF THE YEAR.

THE FREE STATE REVENUE.

The Free State revenue for the first nine months of the financial year was £16,761,326, compared with £16,652,118 for the corresponding period last year, an increase of £109,208.

The expenditure was £18,860,504, against £17,867,592 over the same period last year, an increase of £992,912.

Receipts outside the ordinary revenue included £600,000 just raised by bills, and £952,000 by Savings Certificates. The balance in the Exchequer to-day was £247,931, against £1,841,083 brought in.

THE BRITISH REVENUE.

The British Exchequer returns for the first three-quarters of the year show an excess of expenditure over revenue to date of £203,753,000, or about £23,000,000 more than at the corresponding date of 1930.

The increase in the deficit, compared with last year, is £23,000,000 odd.

Expenditure totals £451,800,000, after due provision for anticipated economies, compared with an actual expenditure in 1930 of £429,850,000, an increase of £22,000,000.

Revenue for nine months ending 1930 totalled £486,491,213, as against £444,774,581 in the corresponding period of 1931, a net decrease of £41,716,632.

Total expenditure for the same period of 1930 was £667,091,700, as compared with £648,527,484 in 1931, a net decrease of £18,564,216.

Full statements appear on Page 8.

LANDED AT BALDONNEL.

IRISH AIRMAN'S PLANS.

Shortly before three o'clock yesterday afternoon Mr. M. G. A. Scally, the well-known Irish air pilot, landed at Baldonnel in a Comper "Swift" light aeroplane.

Mr. Scally had flown from Hooton, Cheshire, in the aeroplane G—A B P R, which has been loaned to him while his own machine is being built. He circled Dublin several times before landing.

To-day, or as soon after as the weather becomes favourable, he will fly to Limerick and several other towns in the Free State before he leaves on his solo flight to Colombo, Ceylon, about the 20th of this month.

The High Commissioner in London for Newfoundland received a telegram from the Prime Minister at St. John's last night stating that the temporary loan with syndicate banks was finalised yesterday, and the interest due on January 1st will be paid in due course.

Slipping Down the Slippery Slope.

ALPINE SCENES ON DUBLIN MOUNTAIN.

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

"THAT'S a toboggan, that was"; for since an early hour yesterday morning enthusiastic devotees of winter sports have been slipping and sliding down the snow-covered slopes at Kilakee on every kind of appliance that would carry them over the icy surface.

On Wednesday the snow was, perhaps, in better condition; for in parts it was reported to be more than seven inches deep, but there was enough of it yesterday to give the Dublin Mountains quite a Swiss appearance.

Although no serious quantity of snow has fallen in the Dublin neighbourhood for the last two years, plenty of excellent home-made toboggans were in evidence, which proves that the youth of Dublin has preserved the optimism for which the Irish race is so famous, and has combined with it the application and skill which are required to produce a really well-finished article.

THE TOBOGGAN RIDERS.

When I arrived on the scene no skiers were in evidence, and I was told that they had been out much earlier in the morning in order to get the best out of the snow before the sun got on it. I quite understood their point; for the hard, icy snow that suits a toboggan so well is not just the best surface on which to perform a Christiania turn.

Down the slopes swished the toboggans, three and four abreast sometimes, with their riders sitting upright or lying on their stomachs as the fancy took them. The latter usually seemed to win their races, but whereas it seemed easy to fall comparatively gracefully from an upright position, those lying down frequently ended by using their face as a snow plough—a case of "what you lose on the swings, you make up on the roundabouts."

MAKING THE BEST OF IT.

Standing watching these enthusiasts, an icy wind struck right through the thickest of overcoats, but none of the others seemed to feel the cold in the slightest degree. Their blood was up, and they meant to make the most of the New Year present that Winter had given them. Falling at speed on to that hard surface could not have been any too pleasant, but the girls did not seem to mind a bit. They just laughed, brushed the snow off their clothes, and started off up the hill for another run.

More cars kept arriving, in spite of the difficulty of the frost-bound road, and the snow on the hillside has become so beaten down by the traffic of toboggans and sledges over it, that if the frost continues enormous speeds should be possible.

TOILING FIGURES.

As I left I saw a truly Alpine scene. Silhouetted against the sky-line above the road were three toiling figures with skis on their shoulders. They were climbing to the snow-line to prove that, although the flight from gold had barred them from the Alps, an Irishman was never defeated, and Dublin, at a pinch, could become St. Moritz.

SLEDGE RIDERS KILLED.

Ainsley Minto (14), of Team Colliery, County Durham, sustained fatal injuries on Ravensworth Bank when the sledge on which he was riding crashed into a post.

While tobogganing in Nottingham yesterday, Stuart Davidson (13), son of a Nottingham schoolmaster, crashed into a tree and received fatal injuries.

FROM "THE TIMES."

(BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT.)

THE BRACING AIR OF 1932.

In a leading article *The Times* to-day states:—The most summary glance over the coming year declares it, in spite of everything, a year of opportunity, such, perhaps, as none but a year of disasters could have ushered in. The idea that Britain should somehow—how has never been explained—turn her back upon the world is as preposterous as the inhibitions of the opposite view. The truth is that the conscious, collective organisation of home and imperial resources, and the resolution to find trade on more level terms elsewhere must tend to stimulate, by pressure and by example, a more rational world-view of trade than that which the war bequeathed, and British quietism has hitherto fostered.

It is a paradox constantly held up to us that this world of troubles is a world of plenty. The land and the factory were never able potentially to employ each other more fully. The supreme task is thus one of adjustment, a task that trenches deeply upon the area of international politics. Slow as international policy may be to follow the implications of this central fact, they are certain to grow more and more apparent in the course of the coming conferences, and the very profusion which has provided the paradox cannot be a cause for despairing of the ultimate recapture of rising standards throughout the world. In any event, no political difficulties or jealousies bar the work of adjustment between land and factory in the Empire, and to that work all the constituent countries are now committed.

THE DOOR OF OPPORTUNITY.

This metropolitan island, meanwhile, has abandoned financial appearances, and the true latent strength of its position as trader and creditor is brought to light. That strength certainly cannot be employed, except in the mood of unity and action which has carried the country safely through some critical months. The same resolution and cohesion will be wanted for many a month yet. The air of 1932 will be keen, but it should be bracing.

The nation has already declared itself ready for a more athletic way of life than a comfortable supremacy has required of it. It is not old in any sense that implies decrepitude. Proofs abound that it has lost neither youth, invention nor energy. When the present generation is reproached with lost enterprise, and the figures of migration, for example, are quoted against it, it is commonly forgotten that its forbears were answering what the moderns have chiefly lacked, a clear call from opportunity. The crisis of 1931 has once for all disposed of the legend of effortless supremacy. The door of opportunity is opening again at home and overseas, and no one need doubt that it will open to a willing throng of workers and venturers.

The Right Rev. Monsignor Hogan, P.P., Shepparton, Australia, who has been appointed Vicar-General of the Diocese of Sandhurst, in place if the late Right Rev. Monsignor Rooney, is a native of Coolroebeg, Thomastown. On his visit to Rome last year the Pope conferred on him the title and dignity of Monsignor.

THE NEW TARIFF ON IMPORTED BACON.

"SALVATION OF PIG-REARING INDUSTRY."

HIGHER PRICES ON DUBLIN MARKET YESTERDAY.

THERE was an advance of 5/- per cwt. in the price of pigs on the Dublin Market yesterday, most of the pigs on offer being sold for shipment or to the pork trade. Very few pigs are bought by bacon-curers at this centre, and, although there was a welcome advance in prices, this was not attributed to the newly-imposed anti-dumping duty on imported bacon.

Large stocks of imported bacon were laid in by retailers for the Christmas holiday trade, and it will probably take about three weeks to work these off. The effect of the new duties will not, therefore, become evident until then.

PIG-REARING AGAIN PROFITABLE.

A leading agricultural economist, when questioned by an *Irish Times* representative yesterday as to the probable effect on bacon and pig-breeding in the Irish Free State of the anti-dumping duties, declared that they should prove the salvation of the industry. Owing to the miserably low price for pigs prevailing during the past three months, many farmers have been giving up pig-breeding and disposing of their sows. If the new duties had not been imposed, there is reason to fear that there would shortly occur a serious shortage of sows, and the quantity of foreign bacon imported would assume such proportions that the effect of any future tariff would be nullified to a considerable extent. It is not possible to forecast what the Tariff Commission may do in connection with the application which has been made for a tariff on imported bacon. No arrangements have yet been made for hearing witnesses in public, though most people have a general idea of the case for and against a tariff.

QUESTION OF A PREFERENCE.

In this, as in connection with the butter, industry a preference on the British market would be of tremendous advantage. During the past two years Denmark has supplied a one-third of Britain's total butter imports, the quantity of Danish butter sent to Great Britain in 1930 being 2,318,525 cwts.

In regard to a preference, it was pointed out to our representative that, if this involved a higher price for agricultural machinery to be paid by Free State farmers, it would not be of any material value.

NEW INDUSTRIES.

Miss Somers, Secretary of the National Agricultural and Industrial Development Association (Inc.), when questioned by an *Irish Times* representative, declared that a preference for Irish agricultural produce on the British would be a very good thing if established side by side with industrial development at home. With its present trade with England, the Irish Free State had a good bargaining point, but there should be no question of agreeing not to impose fresh tariffs or to start new industries. "The policy of our Association," she said, "is that the whole import and export trade is utterly wrong. We should be producing ourselves a large proportion of the manufactured goods that we import, and a very large proportion of the foodstuffs that we export should be marketed at home through the increased purchasing power of the people engaged in home industries.

"If raw wheat was imported instead of flour, pending an increase in native wheat-growing, some of the old mills would be kept going, thus giving employment. Then we should have no butter or bacon imports. So far as this country is concerned, it does not matter whether the imports come from Canada or Russia.

CLOTHING AND BOOTS.

"With regard to clothing, there is no reason why the Irish Free State should not keep out all foreign woollen and worsted materials, since Irish factories are capable of supplying the demand. There is also no reason why the ready-made clothing industry should not be developed at home. Boot and shoe-making could also be extended.

"There are," she said, "immense possibilities for the development of Irish Free State industries, and we feel that strong measures will have to be taken. Still, we are not opposed to any preference that we can get, provided it goes with the deliberate building up of home industries. Denmark has put all its eggs into one basket, and is now in a very parlous state.

"While hesitating to use the words 'Five Years' Plan,'" said Miss Somers, "we have recommended the formation of a National Economic Council to survey the whole of the agricultural and industrial situation in the Free State, and to take steps, by organisation, to aim at providing within, say, five years all the manufactured goods and all the food that the people require."

DISSATISFIED TRADERS.

The Wholesale Bacon Curers' Association, at a private meeting held in the Chamber of Commerce, Dublin, expressed dissatisfaction, because bacon already on order and in transit would become liable to the new duty, and intend to put their case before the Minister for Finance.

Bacon produced in Northern Ireland, Canada and other parts of the British Commonwealth of Nations will be admitted free.

BACON PRICES.

THE MINISTER'S CERTIFICATE.

As a result of a certificate made by the Minister for Agriculture under the Customs Duties (Bacon) (Provisional Imposition) Order, the following are the prices of bacon from the countries named for purposes of import duty:—

	Per cwt.		Per cwt.
Denmark	46/-	Estonia	41/6
Sweden	46/-	Latvia	38/-
Holland	44/-	Lithuania	37/-
Poland	37/6	U.S.A.	60/-

A duty of 40s. per cwt. will be payable on Polish, Latvian and Lithuanian bacon and of 20s. per cwt. on bacon from the United States.

BETTER PIG PRICES IN LIMERICK.

THE TARIFF AS A STIMULANT.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

LIMERICK, Thursday.

The immediate effect of the tariff on foreign bacon has been to send the price of pigs up by ten shillings per cwt. to-day in Limerick. Last week the quotation was forty-two shillings, and it is now fifty-two shillings.

Captain E. R. Shaw, a director of Messrs. W. J. Shaw and Sons, Ltd., Garryowen Bacon Factory, said that it was too early yet to give a definite opinion on the effect that the tariff would have on the industry, but it would very materially stimulate the production of pigs in the country. He could not take a long view of the question, but everything pointed to an increase in the supply of bacon in the home market, where the foreign product was largely sold for a considerable time past.

THE HOME MARKET.

The imports this year were high, and the fluctuation in prices was due to the competition from abroad. That could not be the case to any great extent now, but almost everything would depend on the demand.

In the home market, of course, Captain Shaw said, the prices of bacon to the consumer would be increased very soon, but to what extent he could not say.

In the course of further observations, he said that they were buying pigs too cheap all along, and at a figure that was not beneficial to the feeder or the bacon curer. They would still have to compete in the English markets with the foreigner.

When asked if the tariff would mean increased employment in the bacon factories, he replied that he did not think so—at least, that was his own opinion.

NEW DUTY WELCOMED.

When spoken to on the subject of the tariff, a representative of Messrs. J. Matterson and Sons said that they welcomed it, as it would increase their output in the home market.

A WELCOME SURPRISE.

CORK CURER'S ONLY REGRET.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

CORK, Thursday.

The manager of a well-known bacon-curing firm in Cork, when interviewed to-day, said that the new tariff on imported bacon came as a very welcome surprise to him. "The only fault that I have to find with it," he said, "is that it was not enforced a month ago, for some of the farmers have become so discouraged by the prevailing low prices that they have already begun to destroy their breeding sows.

"One of the best features of the measure, I consider, is that it is arranged on a sliding scale, which is so drawn up that the tariff ceases to be operative at 75s. per cwt.—the point where bacon reaches a remunerative price for the farmer. This is a very wise step, and will prevent any home producer from forcing up the price too high, and profiting at the expense of the consumer.

"As a matter of fact," he continued, "I fancy that the tariff will cease to be operative at all within a few months, as higher prices seem to be assured all round. The present very low prices are due almost entirely to over-production in Denmark, and at the present rates the Danes must be losing nearly £1 on every pig that they export. This has the effect of forcing down prices in other producing countries, but we are convinced that much higher prices will rule as soon as Denmark has worked down her surplus to a reasonable level. Our firm has repeatedly urged this consideration on farmers, and endeavoured to convince them that it will pay them in the long run to keep up production.

STILL HIGHER PRICES.

"Irish and foreign bacon, therefore, may shortly be expected to rise in price above the scope of the tariff, for 75s. per cwt., after all, is only a moderate price for bacon in comparison with the figure for normal times. But this need cause no alarm, for the price of pigs will rise in proportion, and most people are agreed that there is no necessity for protecting the bacon industry as long as the farmers are assured of a reasonable price for their pigs."

He added that the bacon-curing firms should benefit, and had hopes of handling numbers of pigs which were at present being shipped alive to England.

DUBLIN PROVISION DEALERS.

DEPUTATION TO MINISTRY.

A deputation from the Dublin Wholesale Provision Merchants' Association visited the Ministry for Industry and Commerce at Govèrnment Buildings yesterday in connection with the operation of the new Order prohibiting the dumping of imported bacon.

The deputation, who saw Lord Glenavy, head of the Department, raised certain points, one of which was the effect of the Order on bacon in transit. They requested that such bacon should be exempted from the proposed tax. They also asked that bacon which was bought in the English markets, say, a fortnight or three weeks ago, most of which was already sold at old prices to customers in the country, should also be exempted.

Lord Glenavy promised to put the points raised before the Ministers for Industry, for Agriculture, and for Finance, all of them being interested in this matter.

The deputation included Mr. D. J. Cogan, President of the Association; Mr. W. H. Freeman, Secretary, and Mr. J. Dolan.

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FREE STATE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

NINE MONTHS' FIGURES.

DEFICIT OF £2,099,178.

ISSUE OF EXCHEQUER BILLS.

THE Free State Exchequer Return for nine months of the financial year, issued last night, shows a deficit in revenue compared with expenditure of £2,099,178. The totals are:—

Expenditure	£18,860,504
Revenue	16,761,326
Deficit	£2,099,178

At this time last year revenue for 1930 fell short of expenditure by £1,215,474. At the same time, it should be noted that revenue and expenditure this year are both higher than in 1930. The comparative figures are:—

REVENUE.		EXPENDITURE.	
1931	£16,761,326	1931	£18,860,504
1930	£16,652,118	1930	£17,867,592
More	£109,208	More	£992,912

INCREASES AND DECREASES.

The details of increases and decreases in revenue and expenditure compared with 1930 are set out in the annexed table. It appears that the largest decrease is in Excise, which is £770,000 below last year. Estate Duty, Stamps, Corporation and Income Tax are all lower, but the increase of £599,000 in Customs and £500,500 from "Other Receipts" wipe out the adverse differences, and, as already stated, the revenue this year exceeds 1930 by £109,208. The greatest increase in expenditure is for Supply Services.

REVENUE.	9 Months' Revenue.	+Increase. -Decrease.
Customs	£6,273,000	+£599,000
Excise	4,145,000	-770,000
Motor Tax	386,000	-5,000
Estate Duty	1,023,000	-19,000
Stamps	261,000	-2,000
Income Tax	1,623,000	-150,000
Corporation Tax	79,000	-40,000
Excess Profits	62,000	-12,000
Post Office	1,430,000	+40,000
Land and Sundry	488,804	+32,293
Other Receipts	1,010,522	+500,501
Total	£16,761,326	+£109,208
EXPENDITURE.		
Central Fund	£3,541,319	+£112,161
Supply Services	15,319,185	+£80,771
Total expenditure	£18,860,504	+£992,912

RECEIPTS AND ESTIMATES.

In the following table the receipts and expenditure are set out beside the estimates printed in the White Paper when the first Budget was introduced. Since then a supplementary Budget has been prepared, and the effect of the new taxes will not be shown until the 31st of March. The Customs receipt will certainly top the estimate, but the deficit in Excise will be difficult to overtake. Income tax is still far short of the estimate, but the "fat" three months have to come. Corporation tax is far below the total at this time last year. Estate Duty will probably realise the estimate.

	Receipts to Dec. 31.	Estimate for 1931-32.
Customs	£6,273,000	£7,376,000
Excise	4,145,000	6,190,000
Motor Tax	386,000	900,000
Estate Duty	1,023,000	1,225,000
Stamps	261,000	400,000
Income Tax	1,623,000	4,035,000
Corporation Tax	79,000	250,000
Excess Profits	62,000	80,000
Post Office	1,430,000	1,831,000
EXPENDITURE.		
Central Fund	£3,541,319	£4,442,677
Supply Services	15,319,185	21,921,573
Total	£18,860,504	£26,364,250

EXCHEQUER BALANCE.

ISSUE OF £600,000 IN BILLS.

On April 1, 1931, the Exchequer contained a sum of £1,841,083, largely the remainder of the Third Loan. Last night the Exchequer balance had fallen to £247,931, and £600,000 had been borrowed on Exchequer Bills. The "other receipts" included £12,000 from telephones and £19,000 from Savings Certificates. Expenditure was very heavy, and, in addition, £34,000 Savings Certificates were paid-off. The reduction in the Exchequer Balance amounted to £592,999, and the total sum, as already stated, is now £247,931.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR 12 DAYS.

The following are the receipts and expenditure for the closing 12 days of the period, compared with 11 days at the same time last year:—

REVENUE.	12 Days to Dec. 31, 1931.	11 Days to Dec. 31, 1930
Customs	£178,000	£135,000
Excise	65,000	60,000
Motor Tax	1,000	—
Estate Duty	30,000	17,000
Stamps	5,000	3,000
Income Tax	102,000	34,000
Corporation Tax	—	6,000
Excess Profits	1,000	10,000
Post Office	200,000	190,000
Land and Sundry	15,963	19,518
Other Receipts	46,924	20,952
Total	£644,887	£473,470
EXPENDITURE.		
Central Fund	£414,816	£341,214
Supply Services	1,420,070	1,241,874
Total Expenditure	£1,834,886	£1,583,088

OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

The following are the Receipts into and Issues out of the Exchequer between the 1st April, 1931, and the 31st December, 1931:—

Revenue and other Receipts.	Total Receipts into the Exchequer from Apr. 1, '31. to Dec. 31, '31.	Apr. 1, '30. to Dec. 31, '30.
REVENUE.	£	£
Customs	6,273,000	5,674,000
Excise	4,145,000	4,915,000
Motor Vehicle Duties	386,000	371,000
Estate, etc., Duties	1,023,000	1,042,000
Stamps	261,000	263,000
Property and Income Tax (including Super-Tax)	1,623,000	1,773,000
Corporation Profits Tax	79,000	119,000
Excess Profits Tax	62,000	74,000
Post Office	1,430,000	1,390,000
Miscellaneous:—		
Receipts on account of Land Purchase Annuities and Sundry Loans	488,804	521,097
Other Receipts	1,010,522	510,021
Total Revenue	16,761,326	16,652,118
OTHER RECEIPTS.		
Repayment of Temporary Advances:—		
Under the Unemployment Insurance Acts	—	264,500
Under Coinage Act, 1926	60,596	61,200
Money raised by Creation of Debt:—		
For Expenditure under Telephone Capital Acts	42,000	45,000
By Exchequer Bills	600,000	250,000
By Savings Certificates	952 000	1,370,000
By 4½% Third National Loan	—	5,610,000
By Ways and Means Advances	100,000	—
Total Receipts	18,515,922	24,252,818
Balance in Exchequer on 1st April, 1931, and 1st April, 1930	1,841,083	362,835
Total	20,357,005	24,615,653

Expenditure and other Issues.	Total Issues out of the Exchequer to meet payments from Apr. 1, '31. to Dec. 31, '31.	Apr. 1, '30. to Dec. 31, '30.
EXPENDITURE.	£	£
Central Fund Services	3,541,319	3,429,178
Supply Services	15,319,185	14,438,414
Total Expenditure	18,860,504	17,867,592
OTHER ISSUES.		
Advances to meet Capital Expenditure:—		
Under Coinage Act, 1926	—	—
Under Telephone Capital Acts	15,290	23,115
Under the Shannon Electricity Act, 1925	42,000	45,000
Under Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1927 and 1931	43,080	196,050
For Redemption of Debt, etc.:—	751,000	1,056,412
5% Compensation Stock — Additional amount paid off under Finance Act, 1930	—	566,950
Savings Certificates paid off	285,000	303,000
Exchequer Bills paid off	—	2,300,000
Ways and Means Advances Repaid	—	985,000
Payment under Section 20 (7) of Finance Act, 1930	12,200	12,950
Total Issues	20,109,074	23,356,069
Balance in Exchequer on 31st December 1931, and 31st December, 1930	247,931	1,259,584
Total	20,357,005	24,615,653

URGENT APPEAL TO THE LEAGUE.

CHINA AND SITUATION IN MANCHURIA.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

GENEVA, Thursday.

An urgent appeal has been addressed to the President of the Council of the League of Nations by the Chinese Government.

The appeal states that the situation in Manchuria is becoming more and more critical. It mentions the occupation by Japanese troops on the 21st of Fakumen, and two days afterwards of Tienchwang Tai, on the Chinese Kowpangtze-Newchwang Railway, the bombing of Panshan by Japanese aeroplanes, and the sending of fresh Japanese reinforcements in the direction of Shanhaikwan, Chinwangtao, and other localities.

The appeal states that Japan is intentionally disregarding her obligations arising from the second paragraph of the resolution of the Council of December 10.

The appeal also calls upon the Council to take effective measures at once to deal with this state of things, and to induce Japan to abstain from any initiative that might lead to fresh fighting and from any action calculated to aggravate the situation.

KOWPANGTZE CAPTURED.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

TOKYO, Thursday.

The important railway junction of Kowpangtze, which was the objective of the Japanese advance that began early yesterday morning, is now in the hands of the Japanese. General Tamora's advance guard entered Kowpangtze from the south this morning, and met no opposition.

Shortly before dawn the Chinese forces in the city made a final sally in the direction of Tahushan, and destroyed two sections of the railway for the purpose of hampering the advance of General Kamura's brigade. They then withdrew in the direction of Chinchow, an armoured train bringing up the rear. As General Kamura's brigade will have to repair the railway in the neighbourhood of Tahushan, they are not expected to enter Kowpangtze until to-night.

CHINESE DENIAL.

FROM "THE TIMES" CORRESPONDENT.

PEKING, Thursday.

Japanese reports that Kowpangtze was occupied by the Japanese to-day was denied to-night by the spokesman at Chang Hsueh-liang's headquarters.

He stated that the city was attacked by the Japanese from three directions, but still remained in Chinese hands.

Serious fighting is reported at Paichipu, on the Peking-Mukden Railway. There a force of between 2,000 and 3,000 Chinese are said to be resisting successfully the Japanese drive southward from Sinmin.

EARL FITZWILLIAM'S HEIR.

COMING-OF-AGE OF LORD MILTON.

Congratulatory messages from most parts of the United Kingdom and from many outposts of the Empire were received yesterday at Wentworth-Woodhouse, near Rotherham, Yorkshire, the seat of Earl Fitzwilliam, when the coming of age of Viscount Milton, the only son of Earl and Countess Fitzwilliam, and heir to one of the largest estates in the country, was celebrated.

Valuable gifts were received from miners, colliery officials, industrial firms in which Earl Fitzwilliam is interested, farm tenants and estate officials, and illuminated addresses were also presented on behalf of the Corporations of the City of Sheffield and the County Borough of Rotherham.

Over 5,000 workmen toasted Lord Milton's health in special ale brewed twenty-one years ago.

Yesterday a canteen at the South Yorkshire Chemical Works, near Rotherham, a sports ground and pavilion for the use of employés at the New Stubbin colliery at Ravmarsh, near Rotherham, and the Milton Memorial Hall at Elsecar, which Lord Fitzwilliam has had reconstructed to serve the purpose of a public hall, were declared opened.

A £200,000,000 DEFICIT.

BRITISH REVENUE ACCOUNTS.

MUCH NEW TAXATION TO BE COLLECTED.

THE British Treasury returns for the nine months period ended last night show revenue £394,541,581, and expenditure (including Sinking Fund) £598,294,484

There is thus a current deficit of £203,752,903, which is £23,152,416 more than at the corresponding date in 1930.

A year ago the current deficit amounted to £180,600,487, and the year before that it was £170,000,000.

NOTHING ALARMING.

The fact that the current deficit exceeds £200,000,000 is in no way alarming at this time of the year. A large excess of expenditure at the end of the nine months period is a perfectly normal feature of the national accounts. This is due to the fact that nearly three-quarters of the revenue from income tax and surtax are not collected until the last quarter of the financial year, which ends on March 31.

The increase in the deficit compared with a year ago is, in fact, no greater than could be covered by the special receipt of £23,000,000 odd due to be paid into the Exchequer from the Exchange Account in the course of the January-March quarter. Apart from this, a very large proportion of the new taxation imposed by the September Budget (£40,500,000) fails to be collected in the last quarter of the year.

SUBSTANTIAL SAVINGS.

The general position of the revenue is fairly satisfactory, while expenditure is so thoroughly under control that it is evident that the Chancellor is going to make substantial savings on the Budget estimate. The expenditure situation is far more satisfactory than the revenue side of the accounts, and is much more promising from the point of view of economies than at the time the September Budget was framed. There is certainly no special feature in the accounts to cause undue despondency.

At first sight a decrease of nearly £3,000,000 in income tax would appear to be ominous, but the true facts of the position are otherwise. When the revised Budget was introduced last September the income tax figures were £6,250,000 down, but they have overtaken much of this deficiency since then. Moreover, most of the income tax revenue already collected is attributable to the first half of the financial year before the new rates took effect.

Surtax revenue is doing exceedingly well, being nearly £4,000,000 ahead of the receipts for the corresponding period a year ago. The Chancellor budgeted for an extra £5,000,000 from surtax, and has good prospects of getting it.

DISAPPOINTING ITEMS.

The only unsatisfactory items of tax revenue are the death duties, stamps and Excise. The yield of the estate duties is suffering partly from a reduced rate of mortality among millionaires, and partly from the decline in the valuations of property. At present the revenue from death duties is nearly £12,000,000 less than for the same period in 1930, and the signs are that the revised Budget estimate of £83,000,000 for the whole year will not be realised.

Stamps revenue reflects Stock Exchange inactivity. Customs are fairly satisfactory, but Excise is not prospering. The revenue from the beer duties is, to some extent, disappointing, but it is not at all so disquieting as has been suggested in some quarters. The fact is that the increased beer duties are justifying themselves by bringing in a larger revenue, but the increase is not so substantial as was hoped when the estimates were framed last September. A large decrease in the revenue from sundry loans is in accordance with the Budget estimates. Miscellaneous receipts do not yet include the £23,000,000 appropriation from the Exchange account.

INCOME TAX DRIVE.

The success of the revenue side of the Budget will, as usual, depend on the collection of income tax during the next three months. Present indications are of an encouraging nature, but it is essential that the effort should be maintained as the collectors have to gather £195,528,000 of income tax revenue between now and March 31st.

The revised Budget estimates provided for an increase of £18,238,000 in Ordinary expenditure compared with the previous year, and at present there is a decrease for the nine month period of over £2,000,000. It is unlikely that the Treasury will be able to keep expenditure below the rate of a year ago, because of the transfer to the Budget of heavy charges for unemployment insurance and road fund previously met by borrowings, but the general position as regards expenditure is certainly much better than it was a few months ago, and suggests that there will be savings on the estimates at the end of the financial year. These will be of much assistance to the Chancellor in offsetting unsatisfactory items of revenue, such as the death duties.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

Details of the nine months revenue and expenditure are as follows, the comparison being with the corresponding period of the previous year:—

ORDINARY REVENUE.

Income tax £76,472,000, decrease £2,875,000.

Surtax, including arrears of super tax, £21,600,000, increase £3,790,000.

Estate, etc., duties £48,390,000, decrease £11,950,000.

Stamps £10,400,000, decrease £2,350,000.

Excess profits duty and corporation profits tax, land tax and mineral rights duty £190,000, increase £10,000.

Customs £100,773,000, increase £9,759,000.

Excise £90,900,000, decrease £4,600,000.

Motor Vehicle Duties (Exchequer Share) £2,045,000, increase £342,959.

Post Office net receipt £10,550,000, increase £300,000.

Crown lands £1,010,000, decrease £40,000.

Receipts from Sundry Loans £12,517,881, decrease £14,180,613.

Miscellaneous receipts £15,793,700, decrease £6,386,019

Appropriation from rating relief suspense account £3,900,000, decrease £12,100,000.

Total ordinary revenue £394,541,581, net decrease £40,801,673.

EXPENDITURE.

Interest and management of National Debt £252,350,164, decrease £2,024,479.

Payments to Northern Ireland Exchequer £3,878,789, decrease £89,286.

Other Consolidated Fund Services £2,059,588, increase £167,569.

Army, Navy, and Air Votes £81,160,000, decrease £3,460,000.

Civil and Revenue Votes £235,411,582, increase £3,340,125.

Total ordinary expenditure £574,860,133, decrease £2,029,071.

Sinking Fund £23,434,351, decrease £15,620,186.

Total expenditure £598,294,484, net decrease £17,649,257.

SELF-BALANCING EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE.

Post Office £41,650,000, decrease £600,000.

Motor Duties apportioned to Road Fund £8,583,000, decrease £314,959.

Total—£50,233,000, decrease £914,959.

THE FLOATING DEBT.

The Floating Debt at the end of the nine months' period amounted to £727,480,000, an increase of £133,155,000 since March 31 last, but a decrease of £36,705,000 compared with a year ago.

GENERAL STRIKES SPREAD THROUGH SPAIN.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

BADAJOZ (SPAIN), Thursday.

Four Civil Guards, including a corporal, were killed in a clash between police and strikers at Feria to-day. Details of the affair are lacking.

Troops and Civil Guards were rushed to Badajoz on Tuesday in anticipation of a general strike, involving 30,000 men.

The Governor has declared the strike illegal, and made plans for police protection to be given to such public facilities as the lighting system, communications and food distribution.

General strikes are in progress in several parts of Spain.

Thousands of ladies keep a box of Martin's Pills in the house. Those who use them recommend them; hence their enormous sale. Price 5s. Sold by all Chemists and Stores; or post free from proprietors, Martin, Chemist, Southampton. —(Advt.)

CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE PLAN READY.

RENEWAL OF INDIAN CONGRESS INDEPENDENCE DEMANDS.

GANDHI'S FINAL MESSAGE TO THE VICEROY.

EARLY this morning Mr. Gandhi telegraphed to the Viceroy, stating that it has been tentatively planned to start civil disobedience; but, if Lord Willingdon considers it worth while to see him, the plan will be suspended, in the hope that the meeting may result in its being abandoned.

In the event of there being no response from the Government, the nation will be called upon to resume civil disobedience, which will include the non-payment of taxes, a boycott of foreign cloth and liquor picketing, breaking the salt law, and a stiffened boycott of British goods and commercial concerns.

This decision was made after a long sitting of the Congress Working Committee to consider the Viceroy's reply to Mr. Gandhi's first telegram, in which the Viceroy stated that he was not prepared to discuss with Mr. Gandhi the measures which it has been necessary to adopt for the preservation of the essentials of government.

A new phase of terrorism—intimidation of Court witnesses—opened in Calcutta during the early hours of yesterday, when a Bengali youth was called out of bed and shot dead on his doorstep.

TEXT OF CORRESPONDENCE.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

BOMBAY, Friday.

AFTER the Working Committee of Congress had adopted the tentative plan of civil disobedience Mr. Gandhi at 2 a.m. released his telegraphic correspondence with the Viceroy.

On December 29 Mr. Gandhi telegraphed to the Viceroy drawing his attention to the special Government ordinances and to the firing incident at Kohat. Mr. Gandhi asked whether this indicated that the friendly relations between himself and the Viceroy had come to an end, or whether "you expect me still to see you and receive guidance."

In his reply to the Mahatma the Viceroy says that the Government's responsibility renders it impossible for them to have any dealings with persons or organisations responsible for the recent subversive activities in India.

Noting, however, that Mr. Gandhi had been away from India at the Round Table Conference, and proceeding on the assumption, therefore, that he has no responsibility for and does not approve of these activities, Lord Willingdon says that he is willing to see him and give him his views as to how he (Mr. Gandhi) can best exert his influence to maintain the spirit of co-operation in the work of constitutional reform which animated the Round Table Conference.

ORDINANCES SACROSANCT.

The Viceroy emphasizes, however, that he is not prepared to discuss with Mr. Gandhi the measures which it has been necessary to adopt in Bengal, the United Provinces and the North-West Frontier Province for the preservation of the essentials of government.

The Working Committee will meet again later to-day, and if by then no further and favourable reply has been received from the Viceroy the Committee are expected to decide on direct action.

The Working Committee were of opinion that the promulgation of the extraordinary ordinances and the arrests of Congress leaders, together with the Viceroy's telegram to Mr. Gandhi yesterday, seemed to make further Congress co-operation with the Government utterly impossible, unless the Government policy was radically changed.

After expressing abhorrence to terrorism of any kind, whether by individuals or by the Government, the Committee expressed its firm conviction that crimes, such as the murder of a British magistrate by two Bengali girls at Comilla, did great harm to the nation. It further condemned the recent ordinances in various provinces, and called upon the Government of India to institute a public and impartial inquiry into the events leading up to the ordinances, promising to lend its assistance if a proper inquiry was set up.

COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE.

The Working Committee regards Mr. Ramsay Macdonald's declaration at the conclusion at the Round-Table Conference as wholly unsatisfactory and inadequate.

It expresses the opinion that nothing short of complete independence, carrying full control of defence, external affairs and finance, with such safeguards as may be demonstrably necessary in the interests of the nation, can be regarded by Congress as satisfactory.

The Committee is prepared to co-operate with the Government, provided that the Viceroy reconsiders his telegram, and adequate relief is granted in respect of the ordinances. Free scope is also stipulated for Congress in any future negotiations and consultations to prosecute the Congress claim to independence, and in the meanwhile the country's administration must be carried on in consultation with popular representatives pending the attainment of such independence.

In the event of their being no response from the Government the Committee calls upon the nation to resume civil disobedience, including the non-payment of taxes, the chief features being a boycott of foreign cloth and liquor picketing, breaking the salt law, and a stiffened boycott of British goods and concerns.

THREE MOMENTOUS NEW YEAR'S EVES.

It was at midnight on December 31st, 1929, that Congress declared for Indian independence, and at midnight on December 31st, 1930, that the Working Committee, which had been declared unlawful during the civil disobedience campaign, was prevented by the police from meeting to endorse this resolution. Midnight on December 31st, 1931, saw the Committee deciding once again on "warfare."

"During the one or two days' freedom still left for me, let us say our prayers in peace," said Mr. Gandhi to the large audience which joined him at prayer last evening at a special meeting held in a public garden here.

INTIMIDATION OF WITNESSES.

BENGALI YOUTH SHOT DEAD IN CALCUTTA.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

CALCUTTA, Thursday.

The leading prosecution witness in a case of armed robbery, in which two youths were sentenced on December 14th to five years' rigorous imprisonment and another to three years', was shot dead on his doorstep last night.

He was a Bengali youth, of about nineteen years of age, and had received many warnings against giving evidence at the trial.

A pension for his mother is being arranged by the Government.

The youth was called out of bed by a supposed friend, and immediately he appeared in the lane shots rang out, and he fell fatally injured in the head. The assassin escaped, and has not yet been arrested.

The case was one in which five youths held up a provision dealer's shop in a North Calcutta suburb at the revolver point on October 2, and forced the proprietor to hand them over three hundred rupees (£22 10s.).

FRONTIER ACTIVITY.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

PESHAWAR, Thursday.

Press packets containing copies of four Lahore vernacular daily papers were seized in Peshawar Railway Station to-day. The papers were alleged to contain objectionable matter.

Fifty-one pickets were arrested to-day in the Bannu district. Four organisers of the Naujawan Bharat Sabha (New Youth movement), which was declared an unlawful organisation, have been released from prison, but have been ordered to remain in their homes.

British troops are doing patrol work in order to preserve order, and pickets are being arrested in the villages.

Business conditions in the city are now normal.

Red-shirts continue to be arrested without opposition in the important village of Charsadda, the storm centre of the "Reds." Loyal villagers continue to assist the authorities.

DEATH OF MR. C. P. SCOTT.

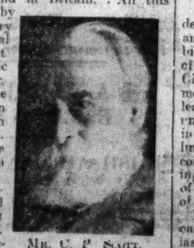
DOYEN OF BRITISH JOURNALISTS.

NEARLY SIXTY YEARS AN EDITOR.

By the death, which occurred early this morning at his home near Manchester, of Charles Prestwich Scott, the Governing Director of the *Manchester Guardian*, British journalism loses its *doyen* and Britain loses one of its most impressive national figures.

"Scott, of the *Guardian*," was described by President Wilson to American newspapermen, after his visit to England, in the course of which he made a special journey to Manchester to see Scott, as being the most interesting man he had met in England. It is typical that such a tribute should have emanated from such a source; for it was by the most discriminating men of all countries that he was most appreciated.

For nearly sixty years he helped to mould the thought of England through the editorial columns of the newspaper which, under his wise guidance, attained a status and prestige which was recognised alike by its political supporters and opponents, and caused it to be regarded throughout the world as the voice of the progressive mind in Britain. All this was accomplished by Scott with the very minimum of personal publicity; for, except for the academic and public distinctions which have been given him in the city with which he was identified, and those which are inseparable from participation in public work, he consistently refused all honours. Born at Bath in October, 1846, C. P. Scott received his early education privately, and then entered Corpus Christi College, Oxford, where he graduated M.A. in 1869, with first-class honours Final Classical School, and of which he was elected an Hon. Fellow. Three years later, after serving a journalistic apprenticeship on a Glasgow daily paper, he became editor of the *Manchester Guardian*, which his uncle had founded, and from the first he showed that he regarded his calling as a sacred trust. From this view he never wavered throughout his whole career, and an excerpt from a message which he wrote to celebrate the *Guardian's* centenary is well worth quoting.



MR. C. P. SCOTT.

FUNCTIONS OF A NEWSPAPER.

"Its primary office," he wrote, referring to the functions of a newspaper, "is the gathering of news. At the peril of its soul it must see that the supply is not tainted. Neither in what it gives, nor in what it does not give, nor in the mode of presentation, must the unclouded face of truth suffer wrong. Comment is free, but facts are sacred."

To this end he never relaxed his own personal hold over the conduct of the paper, and it is said that up to his retirement from the editorial chair every recruit to the staff was of his own appointment. It was a brilliant team that he gathered, and under his critical survey (Scott had a passion for pure prose) such great writers as John Masefield, the Poet Laureate, and the late C. E. Montague, who became Scott's son-in-law, won their spurs. Lloyd George served him for a time as a parliamentary correspondent, and H. W. Massingham acted as London Letter writer.

As a staunch Radical and a trusted consultant of Gladstone's, Mr. Scott was a strong protagonist of Irish Home Rule, and another of his causes which he lived long enough to see successful was that of women's suffrage. At the risk of wrecking his paper's future he opposed the Boer War with vigour.

Nor were his incursions into politics confined to a journalistic aspect; for after three unsuccessful attempts to enter Parliament in general elections in 1886 and 1892 and a by-election in 1891, he took his seat in 1895 among the Liberal Opposition as member for the Leigh Division of Lancashire, and held it until 1905, when he retired in order to devote himself to the conduct of his newspaper.

HONOURED BY MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY.

In 1921 Mr. Scott received the honorary degree of LL.D. from Manchester University, and in 1925, the occasion of his eightieth birthday, Lord Derby, on behalf of a number of distinguished subscribers, presented to the City of Manchester a bust of Mr. Scott, modelled by Epstein. On that occasion leaders of all modes of thought in Britain united to pay tribute to his unique position in journalism. It was in 1929 that he relinquished the editorial chair, but not the control, of the *Guardian*, and in the following year he received the freedom of the City of Manchester. He has been for a number of years a Justice of the Peace for that city.

In his youth Mr. Scott was an enthusiastic oarsman and cyclist, and almost until his last illness he continued to ride his bicycle. Long after leaving the editorship he used to ride each day over the five miles journey from his home to the *Guardian* office, and when he had been dissuaded from riding through the traffic of the city he continued to ride in the suburbs.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FREE NIGHT SHELTER.

The Committee of the St. Vincent de Paul Free Night Shelter for Catholic men, Back lane, Dublin, report that the admissions to the Institution during December numbered 3,042, and that 6,432 meals were given free.

FEMALE WRITING ASSISTANTS. Special Classes for next examination at ROSSE COLLEGE, 65 Stephen's Green, Dublin. Correspondence Tuition.—(Advt.)

THE AMERICAN MARKETS.

OPTIMISM PREVAILS: RAILS FAVOURED: IRREGULAR CLOSE.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

NEW YORK, Thursday.

	Thur.	Wed.
Bid Money	3½p.c. 3¾a	3½p.c. 3¾a
Exchange on Lon.—60 days sight		
Do. Demand Bills	3.39½	3.39¼
Cable Transfers	3.39⅝	3.39½
Do. Montreal	—	4.17½
Exchange Paris cable	3.92⅝	3.92⅝

Eq. Parity	STOCKS.	Closing Bid Thur.	Wed
124⅜	Atchison, Topeka, Santa Fe	84½	85
112⅛	Do. Preferred	76⅞	77½
22½	Baltimore and Ohio	15⅝	15¾
16½	Canadian Pacific (New Stock)	11¼	11½
41⅝	Chesapeake and Ohio Com.	28	28⅜
2⅞	Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul	2	1⅞
—	Chicago and North West	6¼	6
8	Erie Shares	5⅝	5½
10⅜	Erie 1st Preferred	7	6⅞
14⅛	Illinois Central	10½	9⅞
32⅜	Louisville and Nashville	22½	22
9½	Missouri Pacific	6⅝	7
42⅛	New York Central & Hudson R.	29	29
171⅛	Norfolk and West Com.	116	118
22⅛	Northern Pacific Com.	15¼	16¾
26⅝	Pennsylvania Shares	18	17½
45⅛	Reading Shares	31⅛	31
40⅜	Southern Pacific	27¾	27⅝
10⅞	Southern Railway	7⅛	7
104¾	Union Pacific	71	71
88½	American Can. (New Stock)	60	61
27⅜	American Smelting (New Stock)	18⅝	18½
14	Anaconda Copper	9⅝	9½
27⅛	Bethlehem Steel Com. Stock	18⅜	18¾
88⅜	Consolidated Gas (New York)	60⅛	60½
36⅞	General Electric (New Stock)	25	25¼
33⅛	General Motors (New)	22⅝	23⅛
4⅞	Inter. Mer. Marine Com. Certs.	3	3⅛
11⅛	International Nickel	7¼	7⅛
127⅛	National Lead	85	78
22⅛	Pan-American Petroleum "B"	13⅞	15
7⅛	Radio Corporation	5½	5½
29⅝	Royal Dutch Petroleum	14⅜	14⅞
7⅝	Shell Transport and Trading	5	5
31⅜	Shell Union Oil	2⅞	2⅞
5⅛	U.S. Rubber	3⅞	3½
56⅛	United States Steel Common	38⅝	38⅛
153⅛	Do. Preferred	104½	103
13¾	Brazilian Traction	9½	9¾
17⅛	Brit.-American Tobacco Coupon	12¼	12¼
9⅛	Hydro. Electric	6½	6½
13½	International Pet. Canada New	9¼	9¼
—	Silver Commercial Bars	30¼	30¼
	BONDS.		
133½	U.K. 5½% Bonds 1937	90¾	91⅜
—	Do. Funding Loan 4%	—	—
141⅛	Do. War Loan 5%	—	—
97⅛	U.S. Treasury 3½% Bds. 1946-56	96⅜	95½
	7% German External Loan	62	54¼

* Asked. † Ex div. ‡ Ex interest. ‖ Ex rights

The Montreal Stock Exchange will remain closed till Monday next.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKETS.

WHEAT firm at ½c. to 1½c. advance.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
No. 2 Amber Durum, spot	—	—
No. 2 Mixed Durum, spot	—	—
No. 1 Northern Manitoba, spot	78½	77½
No. 2 Hard Winter, spot	65¾	68⅝
No. 2 Red Winter, spot	69½	68⅝

RYE very steady at ½c gain. No. 2 spot, 59½.

BARLEY steady at ½c advance. American malting c.i.f. New York, 55½.

MAIZE steady at ½c. rise.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
Western No. 2 Mixed, spot	50¾	50½

LARD steady at 5 points fall. Prime Western steam, 6.00; Middle-West, 5.85 to 5.95.

FLOUR steady. Spring clears (100 per cent.) 4.00 to 4.50.

FREIGHTS.

Heavy grain to Great Britain (per quarter), 1/6 to 2/3.

Heavy grain to Continent (per 100lb.), 8c. to 8½c.

Cotton—High density to Great Britain (per 100 lb.), 45.

Cotton—Standard bales to Great Britain (per 1,000lb.), 40.

PETROLEUM steady.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
Mid-Continent Crude	33-33.9	33-33.9
Baume at Well	71 cents	71 cents
Pennsylvania Crude	1.25-1.85	1.25-1.85

COFFEE—

Closing options—

	1932						
	Jan.	Mar.	May	July	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.
To-day	5.70	5.85	5.97	5.08	6.18	—	6.26
Prev. day	5.60	5.75	5.89	5.00	6.09	—	6.16

SUGAR—The market closed steady, with futures 2 points to 1 point higher. Spot closed firm at 7 points advance. 96 test centrifugal Cuban local spot, 3.20. Approximate day's sales (futures), 11,000 tons.

Closing options—	1932						
	Dec.	Jan.	Mar.	May	July	Sept.	Oct.
To-day	—	1.10	1.15	1.19	1.25	1.30	1.33
	Dec., 1932—1.37						
Prev. day	—	1.09	1.13	1.18	1.23	1.29	1.32
	Dec., 1932—1.36						

TALLOW steady. Spot extra loose, 3½; special extra, 2½; in tierces, 3½.

COTTON SEED OIL—Futures steady and unchanged. Prime summer yellow spot, 4.25. Closing options—January, 4.26; March, 4.43; May, 4.59; July, 4.70.

SHELLAC—T.N., 13½.

TURPENTINE—Spot, 40; Savannah spot, 35.

NATIONAL METAL EXCHANGE.

TIN quiet. Closing options—May, 22.15; July, 22.55; Oct., 23.15. COPPER dull. Standard new contract—Closing options—March, 5.60; May, 5.70; Sept., 5.90.

METALS.—Straits Tin steady. Spot and near by New York, 21.70. Future option—Feb., 21.85. Lead steady; spot New York, 3.75; spot East St. Louis, 3.55. Pig Iron steady; Northern No. 1 plain, f.o.b. furnace Eastern Pennsylvania, 17.89. No. 2 plain, Buffalo (delivery Boston), 20.41. Copper—The U.S. Copper Export Association quotes copper c.i.f. Hamburg—Dec.-Jan.-Feb.-March, 7.50; April, 7.55.

COTTON (New York)—Spot closed steady at 5 points loss; spot middling, 6.50. Cotton (New Orleans)—Spot finished at 7 points loss; spot middling, 6.31.

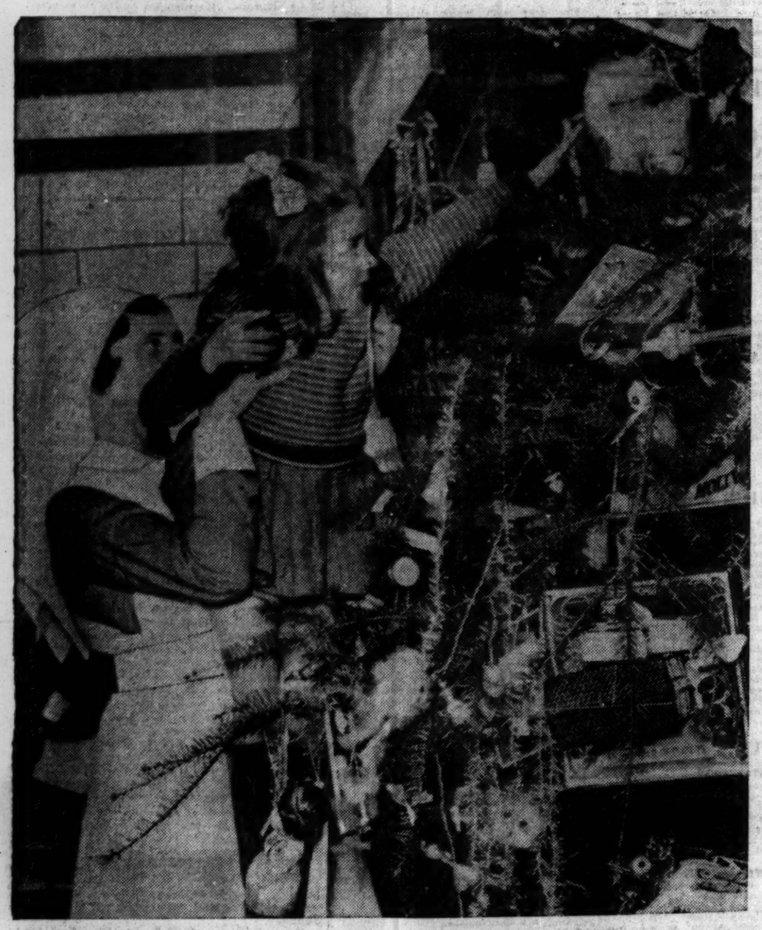
RUBBER quiet, but steady. First latex thin crepe spot, 6⅛ buyers; smoked ribbed sheets spot, 4⅞ buyers, 4¹⁵⁄₁₆ sellers.

WINNIPEG GRAINS.

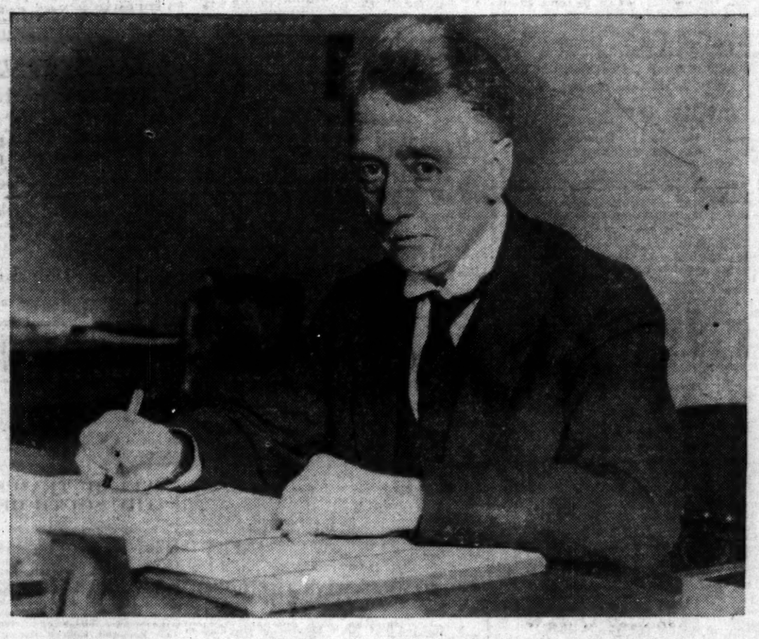
WHEAT opened steady at ⅜c. to ½c. rise. Advances were recorded on light country deliveries and an increased export inquiry. The improvement was maintained on reports of lighter Russian shipments and expectations of an increased export demand in the new year. The market closed steady at 1c. to ⅜c. advance. Onerding options—Dec., 59⅜; May, 63; July, 64. Closing options—Dec., 59½; May, 63⅛; July, 65⅞. Rye very steady at ⅜c. gain. Closing options—Dec., 44⅜; May, 47⅜; July, 47¾. Oats steady, 1c. lower to 1c. higher Closing options—Dec., 23⅜; May, 32; July, 32⅜. Barley firm at 1½c. to 1⅞c. advance. Closing options—Dec., 39; May, 41⅜; July, 40⅝. Flaxseed firm at 1½c. to 1⅞c. improvement. Closing options

DUBLIN'S WINTER SPORTS : A CHRISTMAS TREE.

WINTER SPORTS IN THE DUBLIN MOUNTAINS.—Grown-ups as well as youthful enthusiasts made their way to the Dublin Mountains yesterday to indulge in winter sports. The snow was several inches deep on some of the slopes, and tobogganning was in full swing. The air was crisp, and there was a good amount of sunshine.



A SISTER TO ASSIST HER.—A little patient being helped to choose her present from the heavily laden Christmas tree at the Adelaide Hospital, Dublin.

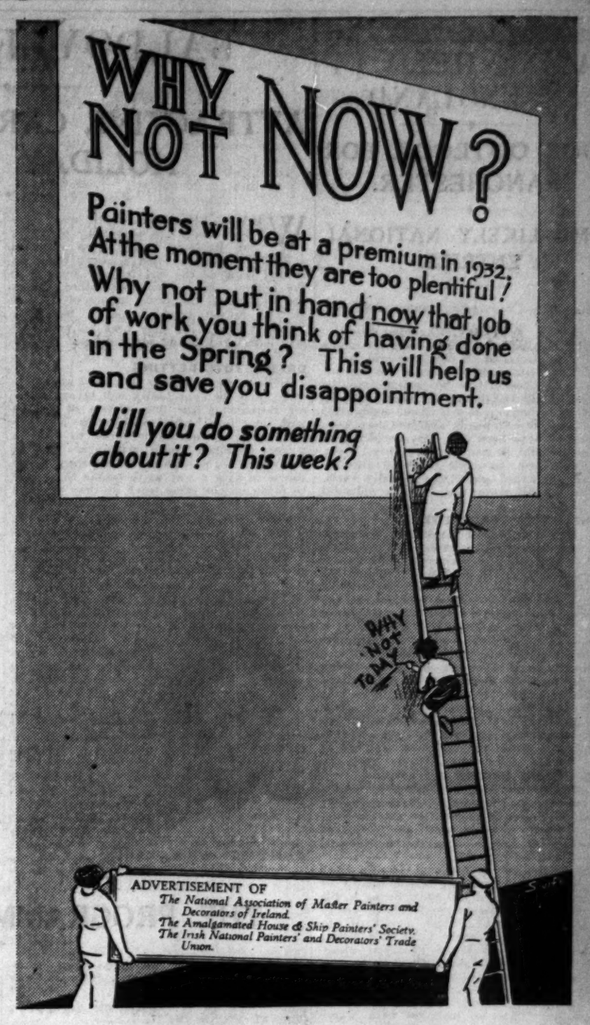


NEW PORTRAIT.—President Cosgrave photographed in his office at Government Buildings, Dublin, yesterday, where he was busy attending to some of the many affairs that will occupy the Government during the new year.

HOSPITAL ENTERTAINMENT.—An entertainment for the out-patients was provided by the Adelaide Hospital, Peter street, Dublin, yesterday. Our photograph shows the little guests gathered round the table, shepherded by the nursing staff and other willing helpers.

LACROSSE.—Miss A. B. Griffiths presenting the Lady Harty Cup to Miss Betty Chance, captain of the victorious Eagles, in the American lacrosse tournament at Rathmines yesterday.

Mr. W. L. Freeman, Irish Rugby Union, who will referee the international Rugby match, South Africa v. England, at Twickenham to-morrow.



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FINE IRISH RIFLE SHOOTING.

ALL NORTHERN BATTALIONS DO WELL.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

LONDON, Thursday.

The Army Rifle Association report on the rifle competitions for 1931 announce a fine result achieved by the four battalions stationed in Northern Ireland.

The Machine-gun Fire Control Cup was won by the 1st Royal Ulster Rifles, with the magnificent score of 669 points, with direct and indirect fire and night firing. The battalion was second last year.

The 1931 result is as follows:—

1—1st Royal Ulster Rifles, Belfast, 669.
2—2nd Somerset Light Infantry, Aldershot, 638.
3—2nd Gordon Highlanders, Ballykinlar, 636.
4—1st Suffolk Regiment, Aldershot, 580.
5—1st York and Lancaster Regiment, Londonderry, 565.
6—1st Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, Holywood, 551.

The Inniskillings won the match in 1927. Seventy-five regiments competed during 1931. This result is also interesting from the fact that the other Royal Ulster Battalion, the 2nd, won the Machine-gun Cup four years in succession, from 1922 to 1925, and in 1924 were the aggregate champions in India for all classes of fire, and had the champion young soldiers' team last year.

The 1st Royal Ulster Rifles in 1931 also produced the fourth best company team in the Army, a match in which the Royal Irish Fusiliers have excelled. The Gordons are second with the revolver.

The cup presented by the Royal Irish Regiment on disbandment for battle firing was won by the 1st Royal Sussex Regiment at Dover.

FEWER UNEMPLOYED IN BRITAIN.

A DECREASE OF 65,883.

A further decrease of 65,883 in the number of British unemployed is reported by the Minister of Labour last night.

At 21st December, 1931, the numbers of persons on the registers of employment exchanges in Great Britain were 1,999,262 wholly unemployed, 403,432 temporarily stopped, and 104,025 normally in casual employment, making a total of 2,506,719.

This was 65,883 less than a week before, but 98,348 more than a year before. The total on 21st December, 1931, comprised 2,005,077 men, 58,369 boys, 402,846 women, and 40,427 girls.

It has been decided to discontinue the weekly collection of these unemployment totals. In future these figures will be collected and published once a month, and the published statement will contain certain information which is necessary for the correct understanding of the figures, and which it is not possible to obtain more frequently than once a month. The first monthly figure will relate to 25th January, and will be issued about the second week in February.

It is felt that the publication of the weekly returns, without detailed analyses and explanations, has created an impression abroad which is prejudicial to British trade interests, and to the mistaken inference that there is a vast number of persons continuously without employment for long periods. Monthly figures are issued by other countries, and in almost all cases the statistics given are, according to the Ministry of Labour experts, much less comprehensive than those of Great Britain. The result is that Britain tends to appear in a worse light relative to other countries than the real facts would warrant.

DREDGING THE LIFFEY.

At a meeting of the Dublin Port and Docks Board yesterday, Mr. C. E. McGloughlin presiding, it was reported that 13,500 tons of material had been dredged from the River Liffey during last week.

Two schoolboys were killed in a snowball fight between Czecho-Slovak Boy Scouts and German schoolboy visitors at Klein Wuerben through a bomb in a boy's pocket exploding when hit by a hard snowball.

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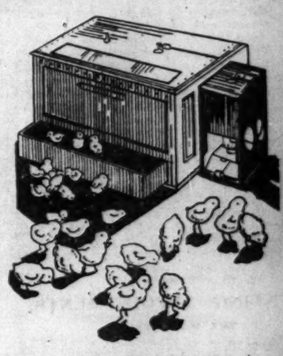

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GOSSIP FROM THE COURSE.

RACING HELD UP IN ENGLAND.

POOR OUTLOOK FOR MANCHESTER.

SOME LIKELY NATIONAL ENTRIES.

FROM OUR TRAVELLING CORRESPONDENT.

LONDON, Thursday Night.

THE possibility of there being no racing this afternoon at Newbury was noted here last night, owing to the amount of frost that seemed to be getting into the ground. Snow fell during the night, and the worst fears were realised when, soon after ten o'clock, the Stewards inspected the course, and found it so hard that they decided that jumping would be impossible. They, therefore, cancelled the day's card—an unfortunate circumstance, as it was a really excellent one, and there was, too, a splendid arrival list.

MANCHESTER PROSPECTS.

There was equally bad news in the space of a few hours, and that was to the effect that the Manchester Stewards made a tour of the Castle Irwell track, and found that owing to the continued and severe frost racing could not take place to-morrow. The day's programme was, therefore, postponed until Saturday, and the second day's card abandoned. There will be another inspection of the course at noon to-morrow.

There is no snow on the course, but racing will not be possible on Saturday unless there is a sharp thaw. Even if racing does take place—and this is doubtful, for it is still freezing here as I write—the meeting has been completely spoiled, for the Victory Hurdle was one of the races that has gone by the "board."

THE GRAND NATIONAL.

Crakle, by the way, was struck out of the Victory Steeplechase to-day. It was in this race twelve months ago that he showed what an improved horse he was, and presented himself in the light of a Grand National winner.

The entries for the National close on Tuesday night next, and they will probably be smaller than those of last year, owing to the tightening up of the rather laughable conditions of last season, which permitted the entry of practically every three mile selling steeplechaser in England. Financial conditions being much tighter than they were twelve months ago will also have a deterrent effect on some owners, who hitherto have been perfectly content to pay the £100 to remain in. Thus we may see next March what may be called a "normal" National—it certainly has not been normal for the last three or four years.

LIKELY ENTRIES.

Among the younger horses who will be found among the entry this time, and among the runners as well, are West Indies and Inverse, for Captain Sassoon is determined to ride his mare there. Another newcomer will probably be Mr. John Hay Whitney's Dusty-Foot, who qualified when he finished second to West Indies at Liverpool last November. There are possibilities about Dusty-Foot, and he might be a better candidate than the American owner's Sir Lindsay, who had his chance when he was low in the scale of weights, and could not avail himself of it.

GALTEE MORE.

HUNTING

WARD UNION HOUNDS.

The Wednesday fixture at The Hatchet attracted a large field, and a good day's sport followed. From the enlargement at Jenkinstown a fast hunt went through the aptly-named Begginstown, where the bog river nearly depleted a hard-riding field. Hounds continued on towards Creemore and then swung to the left for Culmullen over a very heavy line of country. Passing by Culmullen Chapel, they crossed the Coltrumer River and ran up to Cross Keys, and thence along the Derrypatrick Valley until they ascended the high ground again by Batterjohn. Here the Trim road was crossed, and the hunt continued over the Hill of Slane almost to Dunsany before passing through Mooretown and Knockmark, and coming to a finish in Warrenstown, where the stag was taken, after one hour forty minutes, with practically no check.

QUEEN'S CO. HOUNDS.

On Tuesday last these hounds met at Harristown. A fox was soon viewed stealing away from the far side of the covert and pointing as if for Lisduff, but before reaching the public road he swung left-handed over Mr. Jackson's farm and ran fast by the Old Castle, thence through Mr. Thompson's farm to Mr. Kenny's land, where he got to ground in a badger earth. Time—20 minutes. We returned to Harristown, and another fox was quickly on foot. He faced as if for the Castle, but, turning to the left, crossed Mr. Kenny's farm and tried the earth on Mr. Harte's land, near here there was a check caused by some sheep and cattle foiling the line. We could only hunt slowly back towards Harristown, but before reaching it he ran us out of scent. We then drew the upper portion of Harristown, where we found. This fox broke covert at the Rathdowney side towards Levally, but, wheeling right and then left near the herd's house on Mr. Kenny's farm, he ran over the hill near where we marked our first fox and on to the top of Kyle Hill, then left-handed over Mr. Harte's farm, and, crossing the road, he ran via the breeding earth and back over Mr. Kenny's farm, as if for Harristown, but got to ground in the cut away bog on Mr. Thompson's farm. Time—One hour ten minutes.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

THE WARD UNION.

Date.	Meet.	Hour.
Saturday, 2	Kilrue	1.30

THE KILDARE

Saturday, 2	Painstown Cross	11. 0

THE MEATH.

Saturday, 2	Kiltale Chapel Grange	11. 0

SOUTH UNION FOXHOUNDS.—January:—To-day, 1st, Ballintassig; Tuesday, 5th, Ballyconnigar; Friday, 8th, Burrough, Ballintubber; Tuesday, 12th, Ballea Castle; Friday, 15th, Dunglecaw (11.30); Tuesday, 19th, Carrigaline; Friday, 22nd, Minane Bridge; Tuesday, 26th, Rafeen; Friday, 29th, Heathlawn Hall, 11 o'c.

SOUTH CO. DUBLIN HARRIERS.—These hounds will meet to-morrow at Crumlin Cross at 2 p.m.

THURLES AND KILSHANE HOUNDS.—January:—To-day, 1st, Gouldestoss (11.30); Monday, 4th, Garrane; Thursday, 7th, Thurles (11.30); Monday, 11th, Holy Cross; Wednesday, 13th, Golden; Friday, 15th, Templemore; Tuesday, 19th, Moyaliffe Castle; Friday, 22nd, Tinnerary; Monday, 25th, Crossoge; Wednesday, 27th, Ardmayle; Friday, 29th, Fishmoyne. At 11 o'c.

NAAS HARRIERS.—January:—Wednesday, 6th, Kilmeague; Saturday, 9th, Knockanoo; Wednesday, 13th, Ballyshannon; Saturday, 16th, Punchestown; Wednesday, 20th, Seven Stars Cross-roads; Saturday, 23rd, Clane. At 1 p.m. sharp.

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STORE CATTLE SALES.

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The entries for this week's sale were small, and included few really good lots. Trade was much as might be expected after the holidays, and few bargains settled down to business seriously. Prices were irregular and uneven, but for the best animals shown late rates were obtained. It is expected that cattle will come out in larger numbers next week, when trade should return to normal conditions

MESSRS. GAVIN LOW, LTD.

The number of cattle forward for yesterday's sale was small, following the holiday season, and very few lots of outstanding merit were in evidence. With a fair attendance of buyers, primarily home feeders, all nice quality lots changed hands at late rates, and a good clearance of other descriptions was made. Aberdeen-Angus and Hereford crosses made from 32/- to 37/- per cwt.; horned and polled bullocks and heifers from 26/- to 33/- per cwt.

BALDOYLE TO-DAY.

ATTRACTIVE CARD FOR POPULAR HOLIDAY MEETING.

WHATEVER doubts there may have been about the possibility of racing at Baldoyle to-day were dispelled yesterday afternoon when a heavy thaw set in and removed the last trace of frost from the ground. Even when most other courses are frost-bound the sandy nature of the soil at the Sutton track keeps it free from "bone," and it has only been on very rare occasions when racing has not been possible there.

CREDIT TOTE BETTING.

To-day's programme is of a most attractive order, and the opportunity will be availed of for introducing the new system of betting with the "tote" which obviates the necessity for waiting in queues in order to make a wager or draw one's winnings. Another innovation is the changing of the steeplechase course in such a way as to enable the horses to finish on the same track as they race on. In order to achieve this a removable fence replaces the old one opposite the stands, which will be taken away when the horses jump it the last time.

Fields of exceptional strength will be seen out in all the races, and to begin with eighteen will face the starter for the Maiden Hurdle Race Pretty Land made a good showing at Leopardstown when finishing second to Twofold and beating Millenium and others. He has only now completed his third year, and should be improving. He may, however, not be quite equal to accounting for Knight of the Mist, who represents better class, and, if a proficient lepper, might score a very easy win.

MRS. WEBSTER.

PUNCHESTOWN'S CHANCE

In the Claremont Steeplechase Punchestown is afforded an opportunity to make amends for failure at Leopardstown, where a mistake at the last fence deprived him of the chance of fighting out the finish with A.P. Rathbeg and Croppy Queen look like providing the chief danger to Mrs. Webster's horse.

Tony Boy, who has not run in Ireland for over a year, but paid an unsuccessful visit to England some time back, will be accompanied to the post by his stable companion, Sun Flame, for the Fern Hill Hurdle Race. On his best form Tony Boy would win, and, failing him, the penalised Old French might be the best to stand on.

In the New Year Handicap Steeplechase Sea Fisher and Cold Punch can renew antagonism. It will be remembered that at the October Meeting Sea Fisher finished first and Cold Punch second, the former having a three lengths' advantage, for which he now has to allow 7lb. It is quite possible that the pair will again fight out the finish, and the pull in the weights should enable Mr. R. L. Coleman's horse to reverse the placings now.

Of the moderate lot of horses entered for the Corinthian Flat Race, Bachelor's Dice seems to hold as good a chance as any. The Novices' Steeplechase looks open, but Anakim ran so well when finishing second to Miss Fugitive at Leopardstown as to suggest him holding a big chance here. Selections:—

Killester Hurdle Race—**Knight of the Mist.**
Claremont Steeplechase—**Punchestown.**
Fern Hill Hurdle—**Tony Boy.**
New Year Steeplechase—**Cold Punch.**
Corinthian Flat Race—**Bachelor's Dice.**
Novices' Steeplechase—**Anakim.**

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Tote Double on Fourth and Sixth Races.

THE PROGRAMME AND "FORM."

1.0—KILLESTER HURDLE RACE of 50 sovs. Second 5 sovs. For maidens at starting. 14 st. Age st. lb.

WALLOON (Mr. R. J. Hilliard) ..... More O'Ferrall 6 11 12
POCKET ADONIS (Mr. J. Wilcox) ..... Mitchell 6 11 12
NICE TOKEN (Mr. J. T. Rogers) ..... Owner a 11 12
DONA BORI (Lt.-Col. H. L. Mansfield) ..... L. T. Byrne 6 11 8
SHARP BATTLE (Mr. J. T. Rogers) ..... Owner 6 11 0
CHARITAS (Mr. Peter Moore) ..... Owner 6 11 0
OBERSTOWN STAR (Mr. R. Cargill) ..... Leonard 5 10 13
ACTIVE ANNE (Mrs. V. H. Parr) ..... Arnott 5 10 13
WANDERING WING (Mr. A. D. Company) ..... Lasher 4 10 12
CAMELOT HALLS (Miss A. Ryan) ..... Ashe 4 10 12
PRETTY LAND (Mr. John Doyle) ..... Owner 4 10 12
ROCKFORD (Mr. Herbert Dudgeon) ..... Parkinson 4 10 12
CRAFTSMAN (Mrs. B. M. Webster) ..... C. A. Rogers 4 10 12
LISBURN (Mrs. B. M. Webster) ..... C. A. Rogers 4 10 12
ROSALEEN'S LYRIC (Mr. F. Fermer) ..... D. Donnelly 4 10 12
KNIGHT OF THE MIST (Mr. W. J. Kelly) ..... Behan 4 10 12
THE SHAUGHRAUN (Mr. R. Collon) ..... Owner 4 10 7
QUEEN SOL (Mr. A. Turner) ..... Turner 4 10 7

Above are declared runners.

3 POCKET ADONIS. Carried 11-12 when beaten 31l. 10l. by Slanier (11-12) and Bridge of Kent (11-12). Trales October (14m. hurdles).
0 NICE TOKEN. See Pretty Land.
0 DONA BORI. See Pretty Land.
0 CHARITAS. Unplaced with 11-0 to Sack (10-0), Baldoyle March (2m. 1f. 70 yds. 'chase). 0 ACTIVE ANNE. Carried 11-0 when beaten 8l. by Sir Jonah (11-7), with Yes or No (10-10) 8l. behind. Proudstown Park October (14m. hurdles).
0 WANDERING WING. See Pretty Land.
0 CAMELOT HALLS. See Craftsman.
2 PRETTY LAND. Carried 10-2 when beaten 1l. by Twofold (11-10), Leopardstown December 26 (14m. hurdles). Nice Token (11-10) was fifth, Wandering Wing (10-7) seventh, and Dona Bori (11-7) and Rosaleen's Lyric (10-2) further behind.
2 CRAFTSMAN. Carried 11-5 when beaten 8l. by Sir Jonah (11-7), Leopardstown December 26 (14m. hurdles). Lisburn (11-5) was fifth, and Camelot Halls (11-0) further behind.
0 LISBURN. See Camelot Halls.
00 ROSALEEN'S LYRIC. See Pretty Land.

1.30—CLAREMONT HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 75 sovs. Second 10 sovs. Third 5 sovs. 2 m. 1 f. 70 yds. Age st. lb.

PUNCHESTOWN (Mrs. B. C. Webster) ..... C. A. Rogers 5 a 11 4
LITTLE COLLEEN (Mr. J. Cox) ..... Owner 5 11 4
BOYNNE (Mr. D. Delaney) ..... Owner a 11 3
BALLYMAGARRY (Mr. P. Woods) ..... Woods a 11 0
BATTLE OF KILLIECRANKIE (Mr. H. Davis) ..... Arnott 6 11 0
RATHBEG (Mr. P. J. Kenny) ..... O'Rourke a 10 7
CROPPY QUEEN (Mr. C. A. Walsh) ..... Arnott 6 10 7
LAVENDULA (Miss A. Ryan) ..... Ashe 6 10 7
SAVAMALO (Mr. J. Mitchell) ..... Ashe a 10 7
TANGMALANGALOO (Mr. E. Power) ..... Cleary a 10 7
CULTRUMER (Mr. P. J. Leonard) ..... Owner a 10 2

Above are declared runners.

10 PUNCHESTOWN. See Sanamaid. Carried 10-2 when winning 15l. from Frank Harman (9-10) and Matador (10-6). Leopardstown December (2m. 175yds. 'chase). Carried 12-0 when beaten 16l. 40l. by Mullacairn (12-0) and Ballymagarry (11-9). Leopardstown February (2m. 75 yds. chase).
20 LITTLE COLLEEN. Unplaced with 10-9 to Essex Hall (11-8), Leopardstown December 28 (2m. 175 yds. 'chase). Carried 10-5 when beaten 40l. by Thomond II. (12-0), Dundalk May (24m. 'chase).
00 BOYNNE. Unplaced with 11-5 to Old Bachelor (10-9), Dundalk May (2m. 200 yds. 'chase). Carried 10-7 when eighth of 15 to Inishmurray (11-5), Leopardstown April (24m. 'chase). Cultrumer (9-2) was behind.
00 BALLYMAGARRY. See Rathbeg, Cultrumer, Croppy Queen and Punchestown.
31 BATTLE OF KILLIECRANKIE. Carried 11-7 when winning 2l. 5l. from Royal Arbassador (12-0) and Newcomer (9-13), Limerick September (2m. 'chase).
02 RATHBEG. Carried 10-7 when beaten 5l. by Philblice (10-9), Leopardstown December 28 (2m. 175 yds. 'chase), Ballymagarry (11-0) was fifth of 7. See Cultrumer.
20 CROPPY QUEEN. Carried 10-9 when fifth of 9 to Red Park (10-12), Leopardstown November (2m. 175 yds. 'chase). Ballymagarry (10-12) was behind. Carried 11-5 when beaten 25l. by Heartbreak Hill (12-7), Proudstown Park October (3m. 'chase).
00 LAVENDULA. See Cultrumer.
12 SAVAMALO. Carried 12-2 when beaten 41l. by A.P. (11-10), Leopardstown December (2m. 175 yds. 'chase), Punchestown (11-13, blundered) was fifth of 7. Carried 11-0 when winning 2l. 25l. from Blue Alley (11-3) and Glorious Days-gone (11-0). Meath Hunt March (2m. 'chase).
00 TANGMALANGALOO. Carried 10-1 (left) in race won by Zag (10-7), Leopardstown December 26 (2m. 175 yds. 'chase). See Cultrumer.
35 CULTRUMER. Carried 10-7 when beaten 2l. 6l. by Philblice (10-5) and Peel Hall (11-9), Leopardstown December 26 (2m. 175 yds. 'chase). Tangmalangaloo was fourth. Red Park (10-12) when beaten (2m. 5f.) fifth, Leopardstown (10-13) sixth, and Philblice (11-0) seventh of 8. Carried 9-12 when beaten 20l. head by Sherman (11-2) and Ruth-been (10-9). Tralee October (2m. 'chase). See Boynne.

2.0—FERN HILL HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 75 sovs. Second 10 sovs., third 5 sovs. 1½ m. Age st. lb.

TONY BOY (Mr. C. Odlum) ..... Dawson a 12 0
OUR BIRD (Capt. G. A. Boyd Rochfort) ..... Ashe 6 11 9
SUN FLAME (Mr. M. Arnott) ..... Owner 5 11 5
SABRE (Mr. J. J. Parkinson) ..... Owner 5 11 3
CAPTURED LATE (Mr. O. T. V. Sneyd) ..... Owner 5 11 2
CARMAN (Mr. G. M. King) ..... Owner a 11 0
SILENT SERVICE (Mr. J. Carroll) ..... Kirwan 6 10 13
AMOR VINCIT (Mr. H. S. Gray) ..... Behan 5 10 12
GOLDEN DAWN (Mr. M. O'Flaherty) ..... Donnelly 5 10 7
OLD FRENCH (Mr. J. O'Sullivan) ..... L. T. Byrne 5 11 7
LERIDA (Mr. J. S. Leonard) ...Leonard 6 9 12
KANE AGAIN (Mr. E. Delaney) ...Owner a 9 7

Above are declared runners.

0 TONY BOY. Unplaced with 12-2 to Another Rand (11-2), Haydock December (2m. hurdles). 31 OUR BIRD. Carried 10-12 when winning 4l., 3l. from Puca Oria (11-2) and Irish Light (11-11), Curragh October (11m. hurdles). Carried 11-5 when beaten 3l. 4l. by Reilly (10-9) and Easter Beauty (9-13), Naas October (11m. hurdles).
03 SUN FLAME. Carried 11-11 when beaten short head, 20l. by Southern Maid (10-1) and Lord Burdon (9-11), Gowran Park October (2m. hurdles). Carried 11-8 when fifth of 9 to Mr. Shakespeare (11-10), Baldoyle September (13m. hurdles). Same Again (9-2) was behind. See Golden Dawn.
10 SABRE. See Captured Late. Carried 11-0 when winning 12l., 8l. from Golden George (11-10) and Golden Dawn (10-9); Powerstown Park May (14m. hurdles).
20 CAPTURED LATE. Carried 11-5 when fourth to Betty R (9-12), Leopardstown December 26 (12m. hurdles). Golden Dawn (11-4) was fifth, Carman (11-2) sixth, and Sabre (11-3) and Amor Vincit (10-12) further behind. Carried 11-7 when beaten 3l. by Not Many (11-0), Listowel September (12m. hurdles). Old French (11-10) was unplaced.
00 CARMAN. See Captured Late.
01 SILENT SERVICE. Carried 11-7 when winning head, 12l. from Black Gold (11-0) and Facile Princess (11-0), Gowran Park October (11m. hurdles).
00 AMOR VINCIT. See Captured Late.
00 GOLDEN DAWN. See Captured Late and Salsey. Unplaced with 11-1 to Sun Flame (11-12), Leopardstown September (11m. hurdles). Carried 12-3 when beaten 2l. head by Good Thing (10-4) and Calendio (10-9), Mallow August (11m. hurdles). Carried 10-3 when winning 8l., 3l. from Sun Flame (11-3) and Sahabelle (9-12), Baldoyle July (1m. 7f. hurdles).
11 OLD FRENCH. Carried 10-6 when winning 4l., 10l. from Blunder (11-2) and Comeragh Belle (10-9), Limerick, December 26 (2m. hurdles). Carried 10-3 when winning 1l., 2l. from Puca Oria (11-12) and Bonnie Braes (10-7), Mallow October (11m. hurdles). See Captured Late.
03 LREIDA. Carried 10-5 when beaten 8l., 6l. by Philalice (10-9) and Rathbeg (10-9), Leopardstown, December 28 (2m. 175yds. 'chase).
00 SAME AGAIN. See Sun Flame.

2.30—NEW YEAR HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 125 sovs. (50 sovs. of which is given from the Totalisator receipts). Second 15 sovs., third 10 sovs. 3 m. Age st. lb.

COLD PUNCH (Mr. R. L. Coleman) ..... Owner a 12 0
DASHING STAR (Mr. M. P. Minch) ..... Tyrrell 6 11 7
SEA FISHER (Mr. J. E. Ryan) ...Arnott a 11 6
ZAG (7lb. ex.) (Miss M. Cleary) Cleary a 11 6
COOLINOLAGH (Major Dixon) ...Arnott a 11 2
PUNCHESTOWN (Mrs. B. M. Webster ..... C. A. Rogers 4 11 0
LITTLE COLLEEN (Mr. J. Cox) Owner 5 11 0
BALLYMAGARRY (Mr. P. Woods) ..... Woods a 10 10
SOUTH LOUTH (Major H. D. Beamish) ..... Owner a 10 9
ATTALA (Mr. R. Ball) ..... Owner a 10 3
BATTLE ON (Mr. Jos. Cleary) ...Cleary a 10 2
PRINCE MARTEN (Capt. H. de Burgh) ..... L. T. Byrne a 10 0
BLACK WILLOW (Mrs. J. Cunningham) ..... Taaffe 6 9 12
TANGEROO (Mr. R. Cargill) ...Leonard a 9 10
LADY HEATH (Mr. E. L. Lloyd) Sike 5 9 7
THE VAGABOND KING (Mr. J. O'Sullivan) ..... Lombard 6 9 7

Above are declared runners.

00 COLD PUNCH. Carried 12-3 when fifth of 13 to West Indies (12-3), Liverpool November (2¾m. 'chase). Carried 10-10 (fell) in race won by Heartbreak Hill (10-12), Liverpool November (2m. 7½f. 'chase). See Sea Fisher.
00 DASHING STAR. Carried 10-8 when fourth of 7 to A.P. (11-10), Leopardstown December 26 (2m. 175yds. 'chase). Punchestown (11-13, blundered) was fifth.
10 SEA FISHER. Unplaced with 11-8 to Cadamstown Lad (9-7), Leopardstown November 30m. 100yds. 'chase). Carried 11-5 when winning 3l., 4l. from Cold Punch (12-3) and Cushendall (10-5), Baldoyle October (3m. 'chase).
01 ZAG. Carried 10-7 when winning 4l., 8l. from Coolarsh (10-2) and Attala (10-0), Leopardstown, December 28 (3m 100yds. 'chase). Prince Martin (10-0) was unplaced.
31 COOLINOLAGH. Carried 12-3 when winning 10l., 6l. from Princess May (10-12) and Mirror (11-5), Punchestown (3¼m.)
10 PUNCHESTOWN. See Dashing Star. See Claremont Chase.
20 LITTLE COLLEEN. See Battle On.
00 BALLYMAGARRY. See Claremont Chase. See Lady Heath.
03 SOUTH LOUTH. Carried 10-12 when beaten 12l., 5l. by Columbus (10-1) and Belle Aurore (10-7), Baldoyle May (3m. chase). Black Willow (9-7) was unplaced.
23 ATTALA. See Zag.
05 BATTLE ON. Carried 11-11 when beaten 8l., 12l. by Essechall (11-8) and Drintown (11-0), with Little Colleen (10-9) last of 4, Leopardstown Dec. 28 (2m. 175 yds. 'chase). Carried 11-6 when fourth of 13 to Miss Fugitive (11-6) Leopardstown Dec. 26 (2m. 175 yds. 'chase).
0 PRINCE MARTEN. See Zag.
00 BLACK WILLOW. See Lady Heath and South Louth.
00 TANGEROO. Carried 10-1 when beaten 6l. by Columbus (11-9) Naas Oct. (3m. 76 yds. 'chase).
00 LADY HEATH. Carried 10-2 when fourth of 7 to Philalice (10-7), Leopardstown Dec. 28 (2m. 175 yds. 'chase). Ballymagarry (11-0) was fourth and Black Willow (10-0) further behind.
20 THE VAGABOND KING. Unplaced with 12-5 to Mountain Heather (13-11) Limerick Dec. 25 (2m. flat). Carried 10-4 when beaten neck by Midkin (11-10) Mallow Oct. (3m. 'chase).

3.0—CORINTHIAN FLAT RACE of 75 sovs. Second 10 sovs., third 5 sovs. A flat race. 2 m. 1 f. 14 yds. Age st. lb.

ROYAL MONA (Mr. J. Brennan) Mitchell a 11 9
BACHELOR'S DICE (Mr. E. Delaney) ..... Owner a 11 9
BALE WOOD (Mr. J. A. Mangan) Owner 5 11 7
BEECHWOOD (Mr. C. A. Rogers) Owne. 5 11 7
EILEEN OGE (Mr. R. F. P. Cameron) ..... Private 5 11 7
COOLAYNA (Mrs. H. G. Wellesley) ..... Wellesley 5 11 7
SIR MICHAEL (Mr. W. W. Ashe) Owner 4 10 7
FIORETTA (Mr. Loughran) .....Walker 4 10 9
RATHFERLAND (Mr. P. J. Ronan) ..... Sinator, jun. 4 10 9

Above are declared runners.

2 ROYAL MONA. Carried 10-12 when beaten 10l. by Town Topics (10-5) Ballinrobe Sept. (2m. flat).
00 BACHELOR'S DICE. See Coolayna and Fioretta. Carried 11-8 when seventh of 16 to Parachida (11-7) Naas Oct. (2m. flat).
0 BALE WOOD. See Coolayna.
00 COOLAYNA. Carried 10-0 (fell) in race won by Miss Fugitive (11-6) Leopardstown Dec. 25 (2m. 175yds. 'chase). Carried 11-0 when fifth of 13 to Parachida (11-0) Leopardstown Nov. (11m. flat). Bachelor's Dice (10-9) was sixth and Bale Wood (11-0) further behind.
0 FIORETTA. Unplaced with 8-13 to Hakiman (9-7), Bachelor's Dice (9-7) and Blue Eyes (8-7) Proudstown Park Oct. (2m. flat).
00 RATHFERLAND. Carried 9-9 when fourth of 14 to Coolavach (10-4) Naas Oct. (11m. flat).

3.30—NOVICES' STEEPLECHASE of 50 sovs. Second 5 sovs. For maidens. 2 m. 1 f. 70 yds. Age st. lb.

MIRANDA (Mr. R. Cargill) .....Leonard a 12 0
BATTLE ON (Mr. Jos. Cleary) ....Cleary a 12 0
WESTMORLAND (Mrs. G. Fetherston-haugh) ..... Fetherston 6 12 0
HAKIMON (Hon. Mrs. Gerrard) ...Arnott a 12 0
COLLEEN IRIS (Mr. A. Turner) Turner 6 12 0
THE WICKLOW STAR (Capt. T. H. Woodhouse) (4 mins. 30 secs.) ..... Ashe a 12 0
RAHELTY (Mr. J. J. Barry) ..... Barry 5 11 7
GRAPE JUICE (Margaret Lady Nelson) ..... Ruttle 5 11 7
ACTIVE ANNE (Mrs. V. H. Parr) ..... Arnott 5 11 7
DRINTOWN (Mr. C. A. Rogers) Owner 5 11 7
G.P.O.P. (Mr. C. Cleary) .....Cleary 5 11 7
ANAKIM (Capt. H. de Burgh) ..... L. T. Byrne 5 11 7
ROYAL RANSOM (Mr. J. J. Maher) .....) 5 11 7
GAELIC PRINCE (Mr. J. J. Parkinson) ..... Owner 4 10 7

Above are declared runners.

0 MIRANDA. Unplaced with 11-2 to Croppy Queen (11-7) Proudstown Park Sept. (2m. 'chase).
05 BATTLE ON. See Anakim and Drintown.
0 WESTMORELAND. Unplaced with 10-9 to A.P. (11-10) Leopardstown Dec. 26 (2m. 175 yds. 'chase).
HOPEFUL BILL. Unplaced with 11-7 to Captured Late (10-7) Listowel Sept. (12m. hurdles).
00 RAHELTY. Unplaced with 9-10 to Betty R. (9-12) Leonardstown Dec. 26 (12m. hurdles).
0 GRAPE JUICE. See Anakim.
02 ACTIVE ANNIE. See Killester Hurdle.
2 DRINTOWN. Carried 11-0 when beaten 8l. by Essechall (11-8) Leonardstown Dec. 26 (2m. 175 yds. 'chase). Battle On (11-11) was 12l. behind.
3 G.P.O.P. See Anakim.
02 ANAKIM. Carried 11-0 when beaten 1½l. by Miss Fugitive (11-6), with G.P.O.P. (10-9) 6l. behind, Leopardstown Dec. 25 (2m. 175 yds. 'chase). Battle On (11-6) was fourth and Grape Juice (11-0) sixth of 12.

CURRAGH TRAINING NOTES.

THE CURRAGH, Thursday.

There was another sharp frost overnight, and teams were given long spells of healthy exercise in the long grass and in the straw beds.

SELECTIONS FOR BALDOYLE—Friday.
Killester Hurdle—PRETTY LAND.
Claremont Steeplechase—CROPPY QUEEN.
Fern Hill Hurdle—GOLDEN DAWN.
New Year Steeplechase—ZAG or BATTLE ON.
Corinthian Plate—COOLAYNA.
Novices' Steeplechase — G.P.O.P. or ACTIVE ANNE.

CRICKET.

A SURPRISE FOR AUSTRALIA.

ALL OUT FOR 198 IN THE THIRD TEST.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

AUSTRALIA made a bad start in the third Test match against South Africa here to-day. After losing three of their best batsmen, Bradman, Ponsford and Woodfull, within three-quarters of an hour for a mere 25 runs, they failed to recover, and were all out for 198. Bradman had the unusual experience of being thoroughly deceived, and was out, scoring 2, to a cleverly-disguised ball from the left-hander, Neville Quinn.

He played for an in-swinger, but the ball swung out, and Bradman, caught in two minds, edged it into the hands of Cameron standing close up to the wicket.

The first wicket had fallen at 11, when Ponsford was clean bowled by Bell in exactly the same way as in the last Test. He covered up his off stump, but Bell broke through his defence and hit the leg stump. This was a surprise for the 15,000 spectators, but Bradman's dismissal at 16 came as a shock, and when Woodfull left at 25 people began to wonder how Australia had beaten South Africa so overwhelmingly in the first two Tests.

BELL'S CHEAP WICKETS

Woodfull was out to another catch at the wicket by Cameron, who took the ball high on the right side when standing well back to Bell. Bell bowled splendidly this morning, and helped by the fast wicket, which gave a nip to his deliveries, he had bowled ten overs, six of them maidens, for eight runs and two wickets when Quinn relieved him at 31. Run-getting was slow, and an hour's play saw only 31 runs on the board.

Kippax, the New South Wales captain, and the youthful McCabe, were now together, however, and it was not long before these quick-scoring batsmen got going. Kippax made some good strokes, especially in front of the wicket, and he caused the crowd to cheer loudly for the first time by driving a full toss from Macmillan straight over the fence for 6. McCabe made some graceful strokes at the other end, and when the luncheon interval arrived the score was 67 for three. The South Africans were fighting splendidly, and at 74 dealt Australia another blow by dismissing McCabe.

A BRILLIANT CATCH.

McCabe attempted to cut the last ball of his first over after lunch, and was brilliantly caught, Morkel, in the gully, taking the ball an inch from the ground. McCabe hit four boundaries in his 22, which took him 45 minutes to make.

Kippax was then joined by Rigg, the former Melbourne University player, and 51 runs were added before Kippax was caught at forward short-leg by Bell, who fell full length in making the catch. Quinn was the bowler. Kippax's stylish 52 included one 6 and four 4's, and was a courageous effort in adverse circumstances.

Once the fifth wicket stand had been broken Australia collapsed rapidly, and were all out for 198. A'Beckett was caught at the slip off Quinn at 143, and two balls later Oldfield was caught at second slip without scoring.

Rigg's bright innings ended at 173, when he had made 68 runs, the score stood at 175. In attempting to pull Bell he skied the ball, Mitchell ran from fine slip to fine leg, but, with the sun in his eyes, he fumbled the ball, and only caught it at the second attempt. Rigg, who made a century against South Africa in the last Test, batted an hour and a half, and hit five boundaries.

A CONFIDENT START.

Tea was taken with the score at 178 for 8. Only one run was added on the resumption when Morkel made a fine catch in the gully which dismissed Grimmett. Ironmonger was then run out, and the innings, which lasted 3 hours 35 minutes, closed for 198. Bell's figures were: 26.1 overs, 9 maidens, 69 runs, 5 wickets. Quinn took 4 wickets for 42.

Mitchell and Curnow opened South Africa's innings in confident style, the only bowlers to give them trouble being Ironmonger and Grimmett, who was assisted by the wind. Mitchell, after getting a chance of stumping off Grimmett, edged a delivery from Wall into the hands of McCabe at second slip for 17, the first wicket falling at 39. Curnow and Christy remained until stumps were drawn at 4.45 for 1, South Africa then being 152 behind with nine wickets in hand. Score:—

AUSTRALIA—First Innings.

W. H. Ponsford b Bell	7
W. M. Woodfull c Cameron b Bell	7
D. G. Bradman c Cameron b Quinn	2
A. F. Kippax c Bell b Quinn	52
S. McCabe c Morkel b Bell	22
K. Rigg c Mitchell b Bell	68
E. L. A'Beckett c Mitchell b Quinn	6
W. A. Oldfield c Vincent b Quinn	0
C. V. Grimmett c Morkel b Bell	6
T. Wall not out	6
H. Ironmonger run out	12
Extras	7
Total	198

SOUTH AFRICA—First Innings.

B. Mitchell c McCabe b Wall	17
S. Curnow not out	22
J. A. Christy not out	2
Extras	4
Total (for 1 wkt.)	46

BILLIARDS

ANOTHER THOUSAND BY LINDRUM.

DAVIS'S LEAD CUT DOWN TO 734.

Lindrum made his seventh four-figure break of the season during the early session at Blackpool yesterday in his match with Davis, to whom he conceded 1,500 points start.

The innings of 1,082 followed a spell of lucrative play by Davis, who, after taking his overnight unfinished 200 to 288, compiled 525. Lindrum had added only 26 points to his score in the meanwhile, but then came his big innings, which, with runs of 110, 98, and 57 cannons included in it, terminated when he failed to get in off the red ball at the top of the table. He had fluked at 1,073, at which stage he just failed to pull back off the red into the top right-hand pocket, and the red ball went down in a middle pocket. Davis concluded the session with 191 (unfinished). He scored 738 and averaged 125, and Lindrum, for his total of 1,134, averaged 189.

Lindrum got to within 734 of Davis by scoring 887, against 577, in the evening session. He had breaks of 512, 100, 108, and 59 (unfinished), and his average was 71. Davis averaged 54, his breaks being 144 (full), 100, 126, and 104. Closing scores —Davis (receives 3,500), 8,891; Lindrum (in play), 8,157.

D. HAWKES WINS THE BOYS' CHAMPIONSHIP.

D. Hawkes beat Willie Swinhoe in the final of the Boys' Championship at Burroughes and Watts, London, yesterday, by 452 in a game of 750 up. Swinhoe is ten years old and Hawkes five and a half years his senior. The winner had eighteen double-figure breaks, the best being 40 and 47.

CROSS-COUNTRY.

DONORE HARRIERS.

It has been found necessary to alter the dates of some of the events. The Inman Cup (four miles handicap) will be held to-morrow. The club championship for the Faughs-Ballagh Cup will take place on the 30th inst., and the ten miles race for the Waterhouse-Byrne Shield will be held on March 19th.

The handicap for the race to-morrow is as under:—

S. Daly (scratch), T. Murphy (5 secs.), D. Coard (10 secs.), J. Hogan (10 secs.), J. Kelly (45 secs.), J. Hill (45 secs.), R. Crosby (1 min.), J. Dempsey (1 min. 10 secs.), E. Daly (1 min. 30 secs.), T. Chambers (1 min. 30 secs.), N. M. Kelly (1 min. 35 secs.), E. Hale (1 min. 45 secs.), G. Eakins (1 min. 50 secs.), F. Kavanagh (2 mins.), P. Farrell (2 mins.), M. Nolan (2 mins.), H. Bourke (2 mins. 30 secs.), P. Spain (2 mins. 30 secs.), P. Kane (2 mins. 30 secs.), J. Roche (2 mins. 30 secs.), E. Coard (3 mins.), J. Hardiman (3 mins.), T. Hopkins (3 mins.), R. Hutchings (3 mins. 15 secs.), J. Mahon (3 mins. 30 secs.), J. Donan (3 mins. 45 secs.), M. Gilien (3 mins. 45 secs.), J. Smiley (3 mins. 45 secs.), J. O'Callaghan (3 mins. 45 secs.), J. Hoolahan (3 mins. 45 secs.), R. Fleming (3 mins. 45 secs.), R. Gregory (3 mins. 45 secs.),

FINANCIAL NEWS AND NOTES

TONE AND COMMENT

DUBLIN QUIET.

BRITISH FUNDS STRONG.

The feature of a quiet market on Dublin Stock Exchange was the strength of British Funds. War Loan Fives, Funding and Conversion Loans were buoyant, and closed at the best points. Free State Funds varied only a fraction. Banks were passed over, with Bank Stock offered at 325. Among Rails, Great Southern Ord. eased to 8¾, and the Debs. to 51½. Dublin Tram Ord. was supported at a rise of 6d. to 75s.

Guinness Units slipped back 3d. to 80s. Cables "B" lost ¾ at 10¾.

The Industrial Market was dull and idle, and B.A.T., Unilever (N.V.) and Courtauids lost ground; but Coats and Unilevers improved. Irish-American Oil Pref. was higher at 22s. 1½d.

This concluded the business for 1931, another bad year for everyone connected with the stock markets. Those who see the close on this day 1932 may have a very different story to tell.

LONDON FIRM.

BRITISH FUNDS RISING.

The London Stock Markets closed last evening, and will not be open until Monday next, and, in view of the protracted holiday, it was not to be expected that the volume of trading would be on anything but a scanty scale. Business, it is true, was on rather modest lines, but in the circumstances interest was well maintained, while a firm tone prevailed in the majority of sections, with a number of outstanding features and strength and activity noticeable. British Government Stocks led the upward movement. Indeed, this market presented an exceptionally firm appearance, and the previous day's losses were more than made good, the market closing firm at the enhanced levels. India Stocks also showed a decidedly firmer appearance, and values were raised by a point in most directions. The firmer tendency apparent lately among Foreign Government Stocks was continued, German issues especially providing a bright feature as a result of the more cheerful view taken regarding the debt and reparations outlook, and German Sevens rose smartly to 56½, or 2 points above Wednesday's level, while the 5½ per cent. reached 46. French Loans again showed improvements. British Rails continued under the influence of the better traffic statements of the past week and hopes of a further improvement in the new year, and values were raised afresh. Trading remained on an exceptionally small scale among Colonial and Foreign Rails, and quotations were repeated at Wednesday's levels. American Rails also wore a neglected appearance. Not a great deal of activity was witnessed in the Industrial Markets, and after initial firmness the tendency became somewhat uncertain. Turner and Newall were an outstanding weak feature following the report showing heavily reduced profits for the past financial year. Match issues turned easier in the afternoon and lost the early rises. Stores moved irregularly, and the trans-Atlantic issues suffered a sharp setback after initial strength. Elsewhere Oils were quieter, though generally maintaining the recent improvements. Mines generally were a firm market, "Kaffirs" continuing to attract buyers. The Rubber and Tea markets were neglected.

BANK OF ENGLAND RETURN

Several seasonal movements are shown by this week's Bank of England return. Bankers' deposits have risen by £54,116,066 to £126,397,730, which, however, is £6,061,600 lower than at this time last year. During the corresponding week last year the increase in bankers' deposits was £76,232,104. Private deposits are £1,619,784 higher on the week at £40,341,083, but public deposits have dropped by £6,908,556 to £7,732,655.

In connection with market borrowings at the bank, discounts and advances show a rise on the week of £13,753,990, but at £27,290,602 are £21,671,856 lower than at the same time in 1930. Securities have risen by £1,537,141 to £37,612,864, and Government Securities by £27,735,000 to £95,340,906, the latter reflecting ways and means operations. The return of notes issued to meet the Christmas holiday demands amounts to £5,880,949, so that the active circulation now stands at £364,150,042, as compared with £368,801,565 at the same date last year. The bank's holding of coin and bullion has dropped by £4 547 to £121,348,721, which compares with £148,271,371 in 1930. Consequent upon these movements the bank's total reserve now stands at £32,198,679, which is £5,876,402 higher than last week, but £727,126 lower than last year. As a result of the heavy expansion in total deposits, the proportion of reserve to liabilities has fallen by 2.5 per cent. to 18.4 per cent., as against 22.5 per cent. last year.

Week ended Wednesday, December 30th, 1931

ISSUE DEPARTMENT.

Notes Issued—			
In Circulation	£364,150,042	Govt. Debt	£11,015,100
In Banking Dept.	31,596,435	Other Govt. Securities	242,709,653
		Other Securities	17,222,240
		Silver Coin	4,053,007
		Amount of Fiduciary Issue	275,000,000
		Gold Coin and Bullion	120,746,477
Total	£395,746,477	Total	£395,746,477

BANKING DEPARTMENT

Proprietors' Capital	£14,553,000	Government Securities	£95,340,906
Rest	3,417,512	Other Securities — Discounts and Advances	27,290,602
Public deposits	7,732,655	Securities	37,612,864
Other Deposits— Bankers	126,397,730	Notes	31,596,435
Other Accts.	40,341,083	Gold & Silver Coin	602,244
7-day & other Bills	1,071		
Total	£192,443,051	Total	£192,443,051

The following shows the position of the Bank of England now and at same date in the previous two years:—

Circulation, excluding T. Bill	1931. £	1930 £	1929 £
Public Deposits	364,150,042	366,801,565	369,782,561
Other Deposits	7,732,655	6,580,599	12,350,138
Govt. Securities	166,736,813	169,608,586	147,819,829
Other Securities	95,340,906	81,021,247	81,658,618
Reserve of Notes & Coin	64,903,466	72,652,628	60,184,105
Coin & Bullion	32,198,679	39,469,605	36,333,165
Reserve to Liabilities	121,348,721	148,271,371	146,115,746
Bank Rate	18.4%	22.5%	22.6%
Consols	6%	3%	5%
Clearinghouse Return	55⅛	57⅞	53
	£	£	£
	340,842,000	605,218,000	794,077,000

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MARKETS AT A GLANCE.

Thursday Night.

STOCKS AND SHARES:

London firm.

Dublin quiet.

Manchester Textiles easy.

Birmingham Motor Shares steady.

New York irregular.

MONEY:

Bank of England Rate	6	p.c.
Last Year	3	p.c.
Irish Banks' Rate	6½	p.c.
Ditto Deposits under £500	3	p.c.
Ditto Deposits of and over £500 and under £2,000	3½	p.c.
Deposits of £2,000 and over	4	p.c.
London Day-to-Day Loans	6-4½	p.c.
London Fine 3-Months' Bills	5⅛	p.c.

THE INDUSTRIAL MARKET.

TRIPLEX GLASS FAVOURED.

Although there was little in the nature of fresh business passing in the Industrial market yesterday the tone on the whole proved fairly satisfactory. Overnight advices from Wall street were regarded favourably, but as that centre failed to send over further supporting orders during the late dealings, values eased somewhat. Thomas Tilling were subject to a little forced selling, but other Motor shares ruled quietly steady. Among the few bright spots, Spillers attracted attention for reasons given below, while a demand sprang up for Triplex Safety Glass shares on the coming into force of the new legislation regarding motor cars.

After a firm opening, the trans-Atlantic counters developed an easier trend in the late dealings. Hydros finished at 9⅞, after 10½; Brazilian Traction Common at 14⅜, after 14⅞; Nickels at 11¼, after 11⅞, and Radio Corporations at 8, after 8¼. With the exception of the Preference Stock, which reacted slightly to 47¼, Cables and Wireless issues were well maintained. The "A" Ord. closed at 17½ and the "B" Ord. at 10⅜. "Emmies" moved within narrow limits.

Motor shares moved within narrow limits. Thomas Tilling were subject to a little forced selling, and declined ⅄ to 2⅄, with the new shares on offer at 2. Fords hardened further to 1⅓, while Leylands remained around 35s. 6d., and Rolls-Royce at 28s. 9d. S.T.D. Motors were a nominal market on the loss disclosed in the report which forecasts a capital reorganisation scheme.

Iron, Coal and Steel descriptions gave a mixed display. Babcocks further declined 9d. to 43s. 9d., with Wm. Cory offered at 53s.

Renewed support was noticeable for the leading Tobacco shares. "Bats" attracted attention and closed ⅄ up at 3⅄, with "Imps" also closing buyers at that figure.

There was hardly sufficient business passing among Breweries to really test quotations. Allsopps were a firm spot, closing buyers at 20s. 3d.; while a few supporting orders were received for Watney Defd., the price for which hardened to 33s. 3d. Bass were quietly maintained at 45s. 3d., but Distillers, Benskins, Mitchells and Butlers and South African Breweries Ord. all remained on the dull side. Guinness held around 80s. 3d.

There was still a certain amount of hesitation among Textiles pending the outcome of the labour negotiations. J. and P. Coats receded to 40s. 7½d. Fine Spinners at 15s. 4½d., and Patons and Baldwins to 27s. 9d. The rest ruled fairly steady.

Rayons received a little support in places, but there was not much doing. American Celanese Com. hardened to 1¼, British Celanese Ord. to 9s. 9d., and the 2nd Pref. to 5s. 6d. Courtaulds, however, were dull at 35s. 1½d.

Where altered, Drapery and Stores descriptions were inclined to harden. Woolworth Ords. gained a few pence further to 49s., with the Pref. a steady market in the neighbourhood of 19s. 9d. Cook, Son and Co. Ord. strengthened 6d. to 6s. 6d., and Debenhams Securities Ord. finished the turn better at 1s. 9d.

In the Provision section, Maypole Defd. at 3s. 6d., Tate and Lyles at 40s. left off 1½d. to the good.

Home Banking issues generally maintained a firm front in sympathy with Gilt-edged stocks.

Insurance issues maintained a quietly steady appearance.

Favourable reports regarding the progress of the wheat quota negotiations were reflected in a sharp advance in Spillers Ord. and Defd., although the turnover did not assume large proportions. The former finished with an advance of 1s. at 32s., and the latter with a gain of 9d. at 14s. British Oil and Cake moved up to 26s. 3d. on the dividend announcement, and Wallpaper Defd. added 3d. to 24s. 9d., while Triplex Glass hardened ¼ to 1¼ under the influence outlined above.

Turner and Newall opened 1s. lower at 23s. 3d., disappointment being expressed with the results published in yesterday's issue. The shares were finally 1s. 6d. lower on balance at 22s. 9d. Following Wednesday's advance, National Canning encountered sellers and lost 1s. 3d. to 28s.

Among Swedish descriptions, Kreuger and Toll finished ¼ to the good at 61d., with other issues unaltered after a limited turnover.

OIL SHARES HEAVY.

Following the firmness of the earlier days of the week the Oil Share Market developed an irregular tendency yesterday, business in all but a few specialities remaining on an extremely small scale. Overnight advices from New York cannot be said to have had any real influence, prices of American Oil stocks showing little change. Rather less interest was displayed by Continental operators in international counters, such as Royal Dutch, Shells and the Eagles issues, while end-of-the-account influences, which were revealed on Wednesday in bear repurchasing, no longer existed.

RUBBER SHARES NEGLECTED.

There was again only a very modest business passing in the Rubber Share Market, yet share values were well maintained, and it was in only a couple or so instances that any recession was shown, and then the margins were of modest proportions. Quiet conditions also prevailed in the raw material department and prices showed little material change. Spot and January fetched 3⅛d. per lb., February 3⅛d. per lb., and March 3⅛d. per lb., while April to June was quoted at 3⅛d. per lb. London stocks of the raw material on Monday next are expected to show a decline of something like 1,200 tons, but Liverpool stocks are likely to mark an increase of 700 to 750 tons.

MOTORS AND TEXTILES.

BIRMINGHAM.

Standards the chief feature of the Motor market on renewed demand. S.T.D. unaffected by the report. Austins easy. Fords better. Dunlops again supported.

Austins	23/-	Lucas	58/3
Do. Pref'd.	11/6	Rolls	28/3
Bluemels	17/9	Rovers	2/6
Components	2/6	Singers	6/9
Dennis	17/9	S.T.D.	0/9
Enfields	11/9	Standards	24/-
Fords	28/-	Triumphs	7/9
Guys	2/10½	Dunlops	15/-
Humbers	7/6	Rileys	30/9
Leylands	35/6		

MANCHESTER.

Demand for Textiles has been quiet and the tone steady.

Bleachers	10/6-11/-	Courtaulds	34/9-35/3
Calicos	7/9-8/3	Dunlops	14/9-15/-
Dyers	17/6-18/-	Turner & Newall	22/9-23/-
Cottons	29/-29/6	Dobson & Barlow	8/6-9/6
Spinners	15/3-15/9	Wall Paper Def.	24/9-25/-
"Stubbers"	3/3-3/6		
Coats	40/6-41/6		
Velveis	14/-15/-		

IRISH RAILWAY TRAFFIC.

	Last week.	Total 52 weeks.
	+Increase.	—Decrease.
Northern Con.	£7,337+904	£431,614-14,115

LATEST CLOSING AND STREET PRICES.

BRITISH FUNDS, ETC.

	Closing.		Rise or fall.
Consols 2½%	53½	55⅜	
Do. 4%	81½	82⅝	
War Loan 4½%	97⅜	98⅜	+ ⅛
Do. 5%	99⅜	99⅝	+ ⅛
Funding Loan	95½	96⅛	+ ⅛
Victory Bonds	83¼	84⅛	+ 1/32
2½% Conversion Loan	70¼	70⅝	+ ⅛
4½% Conversion Loan	73½	74	+1/32
5% Conversion Loan	93⅝	93⅞	+ ⅛
Irish Free State 4½% Land Bonds	99¼	99⅝	+ ⅛
India 3 %	57	59	
Do. 3½%	43	45	+1
Do. 4%	50	52	+1½
Do. 4½%	58	70	+1
Do. 5%	99½	100⅛	
Local Loans	61	61½	+ ⅛
Sudan 3½%	103	106	

COLONIAL GOVERNMENT STOCKS.

Australian Com. 5 p.c.	75	80	
Do. 6 p.c.	87	92	
British Columbia 4½ p.c., 1941	91	94	
Canada 4 p.c., 1940-60	91	94	
Cape 3½ p.c. Cons.	61	64	+1
Ceylon 6 p.c.	74	77	
N.S.W. 5 p.c., 1945-65	99	102	
Do. 6½ p.c., 1960-65	69	74	
New Zealand 6 p.c., 1936-51	85	90	
Do. 5 p.c., 1946	85	100	
Nigeria 6 p.c.	85	89	
Queensland 5 p.c., 1940-50	102	105	
South African 5 p.c., 1935-43	70	76	
South Australian 5 p.c., 1936-62	90	94	
Do. 4 p.c., 1940-60	73	78	
Victoria 5 p.c., 1939-42	73	78	
Do. 5 p.c., 1945-75	73	78	
Western Australian 5 p.c., 1945-75	75	80	
Do. 6 p.c., 1930-40	84	89	

BANKS.

Anglo-South American	1½	1⅝	−1/8
Bank of Australasia	8	8½	
Bank of England	235	240	
Bank of Montreal	28	30	
Bank of New South Wales	22½	25½	
Bank of New Zealand	3¼	3¾	
Barclay's "A" Shares	7	7½	
British Overseas	3¼	4¼	
Canadian of Commerce	40	45	
Chartered of India	9½	10½	
Hong Kong and Shanghai	100	105	
Lloyds	41/6	43/6	
Midland	6	6½	
National Discount "B"	9⅜	10¼	
National Provincial (£4 pd.)	45	51	
Royal of Canada	4	5	
Standard of South Africa	8	10	−¼
Union of Australia	6	6½	
Westminster Bank (£1)	53/6	58/6	

FOREIGN BONDS.

Austrian 6 p.c. Guar.	88½	89⅞	
Belgian 7 p.c.	97½	98½	−½
Brazil 6½ p.c. S. Eds. '27	35½	36½	+1½
Do. 5 p.c. Fund, 1889	71	77	
Do. 5 p.c. do. 1914	57½	58½	
Chinese 4½ p.c. 1898	53½	55½	+ ½
Do. 5 p.c. 1912	39½	40½	
Do. p.c. Reorg. 1913	62½	63½	
Chinese Imp. Ry. 5% Gold	66	71	
Do. Shanghai-Nanking 5 p.c.	35	40	
Do. Tientsin Pukow 5 p.c.	5	15	
Czecho-Slovakia Bonds	80	82	
Egyptian Unified	79½	80½	
French Loans 5 p.c.	28	29¼	+ ¼
Do. 4 p.c.	27¾	28	+ ¼
German 7 p.c.	56	57	+2
Greece 6 p.c.	70	71	
Italian Redeem.	25	27	
Japan 6 p.c. 1924	79	80	−1
Mexican 5 p.c. '99	6	9	+1
Do. 6 p.c. 10-Y. Treas.	7	10	+1
Peru Internal 5 p.c.	20	30	
Peruvian Corporation	2¾	3¼	
Do. Pref.	11	12	
Do. Debs.	45	47	
Poland 7 p.c. Sterling	67	69	
Portuguese 3 p.c.	15½	16½	
Spanish 4 p.c.	40	50	
Turkish Unified	4½	5½	

BRITISH RAILS.

Great Western	43¾	44¾	+ ¾
Do. Pref.	69	71	+ ½
Ldn. Mid. & Scot. Ord	18	19	+ ½
Do. 4 p.c. Pref.	45	47	+ ½
Do. 5 p.c. Red. Pref.	54	57	
Do. 4 p.c. Pref. 1923	35	37	+1
Ldn. North-East 5 p.c. Pref. Ord.	121¼	123¼	+ ¼
Do. Def. Ord.	83¼	85¼	
Do. 4 p.c. 1st Pref.	75	80	
Do. 4 p.c. 2nd Pref.	29	31	+1
Metropolitan	34	36	
Do. District	39	41	
Southern Pref. Ord.	35	37	+ ½
Do. Def. Ord.	10¼	10¾	
Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	64	66	+ ½
Underground Elec. (£1)	18/9	19/3	
Do. Income Bonds	92	97	

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN RAILS.

Antofagasta Ord.	16	20	
Argentine G.W. Ord.	63	66	
Bahia Blanca Guar. Stk	30	38	
Buenos Ayres & Pacific	21	23	
Buenos Ayres and W.	63	67	
Canadian National Guar	16	18	
Canadian Pacific (£25)	37	39	
Central Argentine	22	23	
Do. Def.	16	19	
Central Uruguay Ord.	4½	6½	
Cordoba Central	8	12	
Do. 1st Pref.	10	12	
Do. 2nd Pref.	8	12	
Entre Rios	35	38	
Do. 5 p.c. Cum. Pref.	61	64	
Grand Trunk 4 p.c. Guar.	70	74	
Do. 4 p.c. Perp. Deb.	70	74	
Interest. of Cent. Amer	5	7	
Leopoldina	12½	14½	
Mexican Rails	2	2½	
Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	1	2	
Do. 6 p.c. Pref.	1	2	
San Paulo Ord.	96	101	
United Havana	4	6	

AMERICAN RAILS.

Atchison	120	130	+5
Chicago Milwaukee New	2½	3½	+ ½
Erie	7	12	
Do. 1st Pref.	7	13	
New York Central	40	45	
New York Ontario	8	13	
Pennsylvania	24	29	−1
Southern Common	9	14	
Southern Pacific	37	42	
Union Pacific	102	107	

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES.

20/6	Allsopp £1 Shares	19/9	20/9	+0/3
45/9	Bass, Ratcliff Ord.	44/9	45/9	
2/9	Brewers of Vancouver	2/3	2/9	
—	City of London Def. (5/-)	5/0	6/0	
39/6	Courage Ord.	37/6	39/0	
44/9	Distillers Ord.	43/3	44/6	
81/0	Guinness Ord. (£1 units)	79/6	81/0	
39/0	Hoare and Co.	36/0	38/0	
48/0	Ind Coope Ord.	43/6	44/9	
49/6	South African Breweries	47/6	49/0	
—	Walker (John) Pref.	19/0	21/0	
36/0	Watney Combe Def.	32/9	33/9	+0/3

ELECTRIC SUPPLY.

—	Bournemouth and Poole	54/0	56/0	−1/0
29/3	Charing Cross	28/0	29/0	
—	Chelsea Ord.	25/0	27/0	
84/6	City of London Def. (5/-)	53/3	54/3	
42/9	County of London	42/6	43/6	
—	Lancashire	23/6	24/0	
23/6	London Electric	33/0	34/0	
38/6	Metropolitan	36/3	37/3	−0/3
23/0	Newcastle	21/9	22/9	
23/9	St. James's	21/0	22/9	
—	South London	24/6	26/6	
27/9	Westminster Electric	27/6	28/6	
—	Whitehall Inv. Pref	20/0	21/0	

INSURANCE.

—	Alliance £20 (£2 4/- p.)	15¼	16¼	
—	Atlas £5 (£1 5/- paid)	9½	10½	
—	Com. Un. (£2½ paid)	18½	17½	
—	Eagle Star Ord. £5	7½	8½	
—	Employers' £1 (5/- paid)	2⅛	2½	
—	Gen. Accdt. £5 (£1¼ p.)	10¾	11¾	
—	Guardian £5 (10/- paid)	8	9	
—	L. & Lan. Fire £5 (£1 p.)	19½	20½	
—	Lon. Ass. £2½ (£1¼ p.)	7¼	7¾	
—	N.B. & Mer. £5 (£1¼ p.)	23¼	26¼	
—	Northern £10 (£1 paid)	12¼	13¼	
—	Phoenix £10 (£1 paid)	8¼	9¼	
—	Do. £1 (1.p.)	2¼	10⅜	
—	Prudential £5 (4/- p.)	17¼	18¼	
—	Do. "B" (4/- p.)	1⅛	1⅜	
—	Royal Exchange	4½	5	
—	Royal Ins. £1 (10/- p.)	6	6½	
—	Sun Ins. £10	2⅝	2⅞	
—	Sun Life (£1)	4	4½	
—	Yorkshire 50/- (10/- p.)	4¾	5¼	

IRON, COAL AND STEEL.

—	Amal. Anthracite	3/3	3/9	
49/0	Babcock, Wilcox Ord.	43/3	44/3	−0/9
2/6	Baldwins	2/3	2/9	
1/0	Brown (John)	1/0	2/3	
3/9	Buell Combustion	1/0	2/3	
1/7½	Cammell Laird	⅛	¼	
35/0	Cory (William)	32/6	33/6	−0/6
4/0	Dorman Long	3/7½	4/1½	+0/1½
16/3	Guest Keen	15/3	16/3	+0/3
1/6	Pease and Partners	1⅜	1/9	
20/0	South Durham Steel	18/6	19/6	
16/0	Stewarts & Lloyds Def.	13/6	16/6	
8/3	Vickers Ord.	7/9	8/3	

LAND AND INVESTMENT.

18/0	Argentine Land Invest.	7/8	1⅛	
11/0	Do. Southern Land	½	¾	
—	City San Paulo Impts.	⅛	⅜	
9/0	Forestal Land	8/0	8/9	
1/32	Hudson's Bay Ord.	15/16	1	
—	Hyderabad Deccan	1/32	1/32	
—	Internat. Invest. Certs.			
2/6	Pekin Syndicate	1/6	2/6	
1/32	Sudan Plantations	1/32	1/32	

NEWSPAPERS.

10/9	Assd. Newspapers Dt. (5/-)	9/9	10/3	
10/0	Allied News. Ord.	7/6	9/6	
—	Amal. Press (New)	11/0	12/0	
23/3	Daily Mail Trust	23/6	24/6	
3/3	Daily Mirror Ord.	2/9	3/3	
—	Financial Newspapers	½	¼	
1	Sunday Pictorial	2/32	3/32	

NITRATES.

55	(Cosach 7 p.c. Ster. Bds.	55	60	+2½
—	Cosach B. Ord.	1/9	2/9	
1/16	Lautaro Nitrate 7 p.c. Pref. (£5)	11/0	13/0	+0/1½

OILS.

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—	Anglo-American	3¾	4¼	
5/9	Anglo-Ecuadorian	5/4½	5/10½	
1/32	Anglo-Egyptian "B"	1⅛	1⅜	
1½	Anglo-Persian Ord.	1½	1⅝	
22/0	Do. 6 p.c. 1st Pref.	21/0	22/3	+0/3
23/0	Do. 9 p.c. 2nd Pref.	21/6	22/0	+0/1½
9/6	Apex Trinidad (5/- shares)	9/6	10/0	−0/3
3/4	Attock	3/	3/6	
3/9	British Borneo Pet. (10/-)	3/4½	3/10½	−0/1½
4/0	British Burmah (5/-)	3/3	4/3	
1/3	British Controlled	1/1½	1/4½	
7/0	Do. Pref.	1/10½	2/1½	−0/1½
1/16	Burmah	1/32	1/32	
23/0	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	21/6	22/6	+0/3
5/0	Canadian Eagle, Ord.	4/9	5/0	−0/1½
9/0	Do. 7 p.c. 1st. Pref. (£3)	8/1½	8/7½	+0/1½
7/0	Do. 9 p.c. Pref.	6/6	8/0	
1/9	Kern River (10/-)	1/6	2/0	
15/16	Lobitos	15/32	15/32	−1/32
6/0	Mexican Eagle Ord.	5/9	6/0	
6/0	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	5/6	6/6	
6/3	Do. 7 p.c. 1st Pref. (4 pesos)	5/0	6/0	
0/3	North Caucasian (10/-)	0/1½	0/3	
3/9	Phœnix Oil	2/6	3/5	
1/10½	Do. 7/- shares	1/6	2/0	
13½	Royal Dutch	12/10½	13/4½	
1⅞	Shell Transport	1/11⅛	1⅞	−1/32
8¾	Do. 5 p.c. Pref. (£10)	8¼	9¼	
20/6	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	20/3	20/9	+0/3
4/3	Sinclair Consolidated	3/6	4/0	
4/3	Tankers Pref.	3/7½	4/1½	
1/6	Trinidad Central	1/0	2/0	
1/32	Trinidad Leasehold	1/32	1/32	+1/32
2/7½	United Brit. Trinidad	2/10½	3/4½	+0/1½
27/32	V.O.C. Holdings	27/32	29/32	
27/32	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	27/32	29/32	

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M.U.—Dec. 14.

13/0	Anglo-Dutch	13/0	−0/3
0/9	Anglo-Java	0/9½	
2/9	Anglo-Malay	0/7½	
1/3	Bukit Mertajam	1/1½	
0/3	Bukit Sembawang	0/3	
7/6	Grand Central	7/6	
19/32	Highlands	12/6	
5/6	Jugra Land	5/3	
25/32	Kuala Lumpur	15/7½	
15/32	Linggi	8/9	
2/1½	London Asiatic	2/1½	−0/1½
11/32	Malacca	11/3	
9/6	Malaysian	9/6	
40	Merlimau	0/10	
15/6	Rubber Trust	16/0	−0/3
3/8	Tandjong	7/6	
12/6	Tandjong Malim	13/1½	
1/16	United Sua Betong	27/6	
0/0	Vallambrosa	6/3	

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34/6	Bovril Def.	1/32	1/32	
0/9	Crosse & Blackwell	0/4½	0/10½	
13/6	Home & Colonial (4/-)	12/10½	13/4½	
13/0	Loveli & Christmas	1/16	1⅛	−1/32
4/3	Lyons (J.)	4/22/32	4/32/32	
—	Mackintosh (J.) Pref.	1	1⅛	
3/7½	Maypole Def.	3/4½	3/7½	+0/1½
—	Scribbans	11/6	12/0	
1/16	Do. Def.	1/4½	1/7½	
—	Schweppes Ord.	1	1⅛	
⅛	Smithfield Arg. Meat	5/16	7/16	

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—	Cunard Ord.	5/0	6/9	
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—	Furness Withy	20/0	21/0	
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—	White Star 6½% Pref.	2/6	3/6	

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10/6	Bleachers	10/6	11/0	
17/0	Bradford Dyers	17/6	18/3	
10/0	British Celanese Ord.	9/3	10/3	+0/1½
7/0	Do. Pref.	6/0	7/0	+0/3
9/0	Calico Printers	7/6	8/3	
1½	Cascaan Celanese	1¼	1½	
42/3	Coats	40/3	41/0	−0/4½
1/16	Courtaulds	34/0	35/6	−0/3
17/0	Fine Spinners	15/0	15/9	−0/1½
	Linen Thread Ord.	1/16	1/16	
14/0	Lister Ord.	12/3	13/3	
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21/0	Associated Electric Ind.	19/0	20/0	−0/3
3/4½	Baird Television Pf. Ord	2/9½	3/1½	
8/0	Borax Con. Def.	7/7½	8/1½	
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GUNS—Wildfowl, eight, ten and twelve bores, by Holland, Kavanagh, Bland, Vickers, Webley, Osborne. Particulars, Keegan, Gunmaker, Inns quay, Dublin. 30 A

GARDEN, FARM, BEES, ETC.

WINTER HEATHS.

Writing on this subject in the *Weekly Irish Times*, the Garden Correspondent says:—

Of the tremendous tribe of the Ericas, three are now especially prominent, and as decorative plants at this season, grown for the purpose by the hundred thousand, they are *facile princeps*. The trio are the pink Erica gracilis, the white E. Nivalis, and the soft pink-and-white E. Hyemalis, the latter, as the name implies, being more regarded as a spring flower; the two first-named, with their profusion of wee flowers, being also grown as baby plants in thumb pots. After use as house plants, if brought under cool greenhouse treatment, cut back as they go out of flower, they are readily induced to repeat their floral beauty in seasons to come, one of the secrets of successful culture being firm, peaty soil, ample air, and soft (rain) water.

A—DRUMMOND'S Garden Seed Catalogue for 1932 of Vegetable and Flower Seeds, Potatoes, Manures, Insecticides, Tools, Sundries and Lawn Mowers, now published, fully illustrated; copies sent free on application.—Drummond's, Ltd., 57/58 Dawson street, Dublin.

AT Drummond's—Procure for Sprouting and Forcing, Early Potatoes, Seakale and Rhubarb; Spray your Fruit Trees with Carbokrimp; Plant Herbaceous and Alpine Plants, Roses, Ornamental Shrubs, Fruit Trees, etc.; catalogues free.—Drummond's, Ltd., Dawson street, Dublin. T

APPLE Trees—12 in 12 best varieties, 16/-, 20/-, and 25/-; Currants, Black and Red, strong fruiting bushes, 12 4/- and 6/-; Raspberries, Lloyd George, the best variety, 12 2/6, 100 12/6.—Nash Athlone. 16 21

LISSADELL—If you are wanting Bouquets, Wreaths, or Cut Flowers at any time, write Manager, Lissadell, Sligo. 4

LISSADELL—Cool Greenhouse Plants, ex pots—Acianthum (Maiden Hair Fern), 5", 2/6 each; Aralia Sieboldii, 5", 2/- each; Araucaria Excelsa, 6" 5/-; Asparagus Plumosus and Asparagus Sprengeri, 5", 2/6 each; Aspidistra Elatoir, 5" 3/- each; Dracaenas Pairs, 6", 5/6 each; Palm Kentia Forsteriana, 5" 3/6 each; Primula Obconica, 5", 2/- each; Pteris Major and Pteris Wimsettii Ferns, 5", 2/- each, post free, cash with order, subject unsold.—Manager, Lissadell, Sligo. X

LISSADELL—Cabbage Plants—Plants now ready. Spring cutting: Early Dutch, Ellam's Early, Flower of Spring, Finney's Early, Harbinger, Lissadell Early, Wheeler's Early; 5/- per 100, subject unsold. Cash with order.—Manager, Lissadell, Sligo. 8 X

LISSADELL—Hardy Flower Plants—Plant now—Canterbury Bells, mixed, 3/6 doz.; Meconopsis Baileyes (blue poppy), 3/6 doz.; Polyanthus, Finney's superb strain, mixed, Munstead white and yellow, 2/6 doz.; Primroses: Wilson's Blue, 6/- doz.; Sweet Williams: Auricula Eyed, Finney's Early Dark, Ellam's Early Wallflowers: Cloth of Gold (yellow), Eastern Queen (rose), Lissadell (dark red), Ruby Gem (ruby), Vesuvius (scarlet), 6/- 100; all transplanted, strong plants, post free. Subject unsold. Cash with order.—Manager, Lissadell, Sligo. 9

NASH'S Nursery, Athlone, is the place to Buy Fruit Trees, Forest Trees, Ornamental Shrubs, Hedge Plants, Roses, Climbers, etc.; catalogues free. 16 21

SURPLUS Garden Produce, Eggs, etc., on Sale or Return—As province finds the business requires too much personal supervision he will close it down from January 2nd, 1932. All outstanding accounts to be furnished to 51a Dawson street. T'Phone Dundrum 141. T

TURNIPS and Mangolds for Sale, delivered Dublin.—Springfarm, Delgany. 31 B

POULTRY, CAGE BIRDS, DAIRY.

DIFFICULTIES.

Writing on this subject in the *Weekly Irish Times*, the Poultry Correspondent says:—

At this time of year there are two difficulties to hatching—scarcity of broody hens and fertile eggs. The former may be overcome by employing incubators, but the latter is more serious. The birds most likely to produce fertile eggs are early hatched pullets that are laying mated to an active two-year-old cock. If, however, two-year-old hens over the moult are laying, mating these with an active, vigorous cockerel will give good results. Many use both cockerels and pullets mated together. If these are early hatched so as to be between ten and twelve months old, their eggs will be very fertile, but chickens from this mating are generally not too vigorous. They may suit as table birds, but not many will turn out good breeders.

ALL Colour Budgerigar, Border Canaries, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6; Hens, 5/-, 6/-; Yorkshires, 22/6, 37/6 upwards; Borders, Goldfish, Tortoises, Snakes, etc.—Frangiere' Sons, Upper Ormond quay, Dublin. 30 A

ALL Pedigree Pullets (March, 1931) (eleven) Sussex Challenge Cup strain; six Rhodes, four Red Sussex, all 6/- each.—Johnstown House, Glanevin. T

COCKERELS—Pedigree Rhodes, Wyandottes, Leghorns (black, white), Barnevelders, Anconas, from 12/6; Breeding Hens and Pullets; Settings 6/6, 45/-. 100.—Fairyhill, Blackrock. Telephone, 138. 30 A

EGGS from 6/6 doz. Chicks 15/- doz., from our famous laying strains; winners of silver cup, silver medal and 1st prize, again this year in Cork test; White Wyandottes, Light Sussex, Rhode Island Reds, White Leghorns.—Mrs. Strong, Moate, Kells, Meath. T

FOR Sale, 2 pure bred White Austrian Turkey Hens. N 1088, this office. 31 F

HEARSON 60 Incubator, perfect, £3 10/-; 70 Chick Pullets and Hens, Buff Orpingtons, O.E., Pheasant and Crosses, 5/- to 10/-; small Roshouse, 7/6; Mite Separator, cost £6 10/-, perfect order, £3.—Larchhill, Santry.

HATCHING Eggs from 12 bloodtested, trapnested pens; 7 headed 1st prize winners; splendid laying strain, Sussex 6/6. Wyandottes 6/6, 15/-. Rhodes 5/-, 10/-, £1. Leghorns 5/-, 10/-, 15/-. Day olds every Wednesday. 18/- doz. Inspection invited.—Thornburgh Haubury, "Rockbrae," Bray. 31 B

OLD Fur Mats alive Wanted; highest prices.—Manley, 203 South Circular road. 28 E

TWO Pure White Embden Geese and Gander, unrelated, second year, station birds, near laying, 50/-.—Mrs. Kehoe, Gilbanstown, Dunlavin. 31 A

MUSIC, PIANOS, ETC.

CLARIONET, "C," ebonite, silver mounted, in case, makers, Rudall, Carte and Co., perfect condition, will be sold a bargain.—N 945, this office. 29 F

FOR Sale, Upright Piano, Broadwood, vicinity Terenure.—N 1040, this office. 30 E

GRAMOPHONE Stores, Johnston's Court, Grafton street, Dublin, for Decca Records. Open till 9. Lists free. T

WANTED, secondhand Piano, good maker; German preferred.—N 1074, this office. 31 F

FURNITURE.

ANY Furniture Residue, Pianos, Antiques, Purchased; prompt cash.—Thornton and Company, Dun Laoghaire. 'Phone, 79. 48 T

ABOUT Furniture—Tormey's Auction Rooms, 25 Bachelor's Walk, Buy or Sell. Auctions Friday. 31 B

LAWLOR, Briscoe will Buy or Sell your Surplus Furniture. Auctions every Thursday.—35 Ormond quay. T

WANTED, Eastbourne Chair for stairs. Address "Z 1882, Chair," this office. 28 E

WANTED, small Sideboard, Wooden Bed, Chairs, etc.; particulars, prices.—N 1087, this office. 31 B

WANTED, in good condition, about 20 square yards Floor Covering.—N 1108, this office.

WANTED, large quantity Tables and Chairs, suitable Restaurant; full particulars and price.—N 1109, this office.

DRESS AND COSTUME.

ABOUT Clothes—Mrs. Higgins, 1 Aston's quay; highest prices, Ladies', Gentlemen's, Children's, Off Clothing, furniture, Jewellery, Artificial Teeth; country parcels received. T

ABOUT Clothes—Mrs. Cusack, 65 Aungier street, gives highest prices for Left Off Clothing, Furniture, etc.; distance no objection. T

ABOUT Clothes—Highest prices for Ladies', Gent.'s, Children's Left Off Clothing, Furniture; distance no objection.—Mrs. White, 15 Aungier street. T

FOR Sale, White Evening Dress, £2 2/-, worn three times; Riding Habit, £1; suit tall person. Address "Z 1950, Dress," this office. 31 F

HIGHEST Cash prices, ladies' wardrobes; parcels collected.—Goodwin's, 110 Patrick street, Dun Laoghaire. 8 I

PARIS House, 22 Wicklow street, Dublin—Make your own arrangement about payment. Fur Trimmed Coats, Gowns, Millinery, Furs, etc. Call or write. Goods sent to any part of Ireland. No references required. Open Saturdays till 8.30. T

FURS.

FUR Sale—Coats at London prices.—Taylor Yard, 25 South Anne street. 29 F

HOLMES', George's St., Dublin.

HOLMES' desire to explain to customers that they will never (or some time again) buy good quality articles at such low prices as at this Stocktaking Sale.

SCARVES, odd makes, left after Xmas rush, 2/- and 5/- to clear quickly.—Holmes'.

CORSETS—Few dozen pairs to freshen stock, 5/- and 10/- to clear quickly.—Holmes' Sale.

CURTAINS, few odd designs, nice quality, cannot be repeated, soiled, under cost; Stocktaking.

BLOUSES—Few good qualities clearing this week at 10/- and 20/- before Stocktaking.

JUMPERS and Cardigans, slightly stock tossed in Xmas rush, 5/-, 10/- and 20/- to clear quickly.—Holmes' Stocktaking Sale.

PRINCESS Petticoats, odd makes, locknet, plain and trimmed, 6/11, Sale price 2/11.—Holmes'.

JUMPER Suits, Girls', all wool, 27, 30, 33 inches, 19/11 to 25/-; stock tossed, 10/-, Stocktaking Sale.—Holmes'.

COATS, leatherette lined, waterproof, 12/6 and 21/-.—Holmes' Sale.

COATS for Girls. See same marked at 15/9 and 23/9. Some better ones also reduced.—Holmes' Sale.

DRESS Materials and Silks, Remnants.—Holmes' Stocktaking Sale.

SKIRTS, odd makes, colours—A few must go this week under cost; Stocktaking at Holmes'.

UMBRELLAS—See lots at 5/- and 10/-, Holmes' Stocktaking Sale. Umbrellas recovered in few hours.

FUR Ties—Just a dozen picked out of stock to Sell at half price.—Holmes.

PARTY Frocks, girls' sizes, few odd ones, must go next few days.

LEATHER Coats—A chance of some bargains at Holmes' before Stocktaking.

WATERPROOFS, few odd makes and colours, must be cleared.—Holmes'.

BLANKETS and Bedspreads, stock tossed, will be cleared this week.—Holmes'.

AN old Holmes' Rule—"Don't mind what your neighbours are selling, but study what your customers require."

KNICKERS, ladies' sizes, fleece lined, heavy make, 3/3, sale offer.—Holmes'

NIGHT Gowns, stockinette, V neck, short sleeves, trimmed contrasting shades, Sale offer 2/9, with collar, long sleeves, 3/9.—Holmes'.

COAT Frocks, odd makes, sizes, colours, 10/-, 20/-, 40/-.—Stocktaking Sale.—Holmes'.

FUR Stoles, marmot, four skins, soft silky pelts. 29/6. Stocktaking Sale.—Holmes.

HORSES, HARNESS, ETC.

THREE Hunters and two Farm Horses for Sale.—Kilbarrack House, Sutton, Dublin. 28 A

CATTLE, LIVE STOCK.

COW for Sale, first calf, calved Sunday, splendid milker; also Springer.—Murray, Shankill Castle, Shankill.

COW for Sale, just calved, good milker; also Calf.—Cunningham Park, Shankill. 31 F

FEEDING—8 Gallon Oak Tubs, 26/- dozen; Mixing Tubs, 8/- each, rail Dublin.—Cooperage, 112 Phibsborough road.

FOR Sale, two female working Ferrets.—N 1100, this office.

JERSEY Cows (two), light fawn (pedigree), freshly calved rich, heavy milkers, for Sale.—Allison, Dunmore Lodge, Navan. 30 A

KERRY Cow, just calved,